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The Descendants of

The Reverend Nathaniel Manning, M. D.

"Strictly a Family Affair"

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Louise Edrington Willis





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TO  
MY MOTHER

Mary Monroe Manning Willis  
whose love for her land and her  
clan was surpassingly great.



## FOREWORD

The Reverend Nathaniel Manning married Mary, daughter of Jacob Hite; left one son, Jacob Hite Manning. This son married Mary, only daughter and surviving child of General William Darke.

Jacob and Mary Manning had four children: a daughter, Mary, whose two daughters, Antoinette and Virginia Waugh, left no children; their oldest son, Jacob Hite Manning, married, died young, left no issue; their youngest son, James Monroe Manning, never married; their second son, Nathaniel William Manning, married Martha Price Craighill. Their children were: Elizabeth (Betty), died age six; Fannie Lucas, never married; the remaining five married and had families. With the children of the five lies the present interest.

To the above five were born 26 children, 4 of whom died in infancy; of the remaining 22, 16 married, of whom 13 had families. At present ten of the original brothers and sisters are living. On the pages to follow, the numeral "10" before a name indicates a child born to a son or daughter of the "five families," and his relationship to the children of the other four branches is first-degree cousin. Descendants of the Manning-Craighill "five" are now living, singly or in families, in Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Ohio, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Wyoming, Washington, Colorado, California, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, and Florida; and in Puerto Rico, Paris, and West Germany.

In Chicago, summer 1917, my interest in ancestors was unexpectedly aroused. This waxed and waned, but by 1932 I had compiled quite a volume. The research for this 1932 volume involved chiefly those who had gone before and who were helpless as to my searching into their lives and achievements.

My present research concerns the living chiefly, and the amount of correspondence has been very extensive. Most of it has brought pleasant results: prompt answers with pleasing and colorful data. On the other hand some of my letter-queries have met with stubborn silence or such delayed response, my mounting impatience has made me wonder why - and why - I ever began this Manning round-up! Yet I know at heart it was to honor my grandfather's memory, as well as to please my mother.... Remember that pretty thought in Maeterlinck's Blue Bird - those gone on know when we below think and speak of them and are glad?

One sincere objective is to "introduce" cousins, to share with them my interest in the number, the activities, the wanderings, of the descendants of the Reverend Nathaniel Manning, especially as the two generations following him were limited to one son each. Since I began in 1951 four new babies have been born, and I hear that two more are on the way!

This is not a volume for library shelves, as the contents are far too personal. It is "strictly a family affair." The issue will be slightly in excess of the number of the living. It holds out no prom-







ise of interesting reading, as the subject changes on almost every page! Some of the descendants give evidence of ease and pleasant living; others do not, especially my own family. Hardships, however, can enrich both mind and heart with appreciation of the real merits in life and people.

Two of my procedure steps need explaining: schooling and parent origins of in-laws.

I was using "education" to designate the school periods for each Manning and in-law, when a letter from Major Franklyn Manning giving his "capsule" history used "schooling." At once the better term was adopted. One's schooling may be brief, but education for the open-minded continues through life.

Names and birthplaces for parents of in-laws: This data is plainly not essential to the Manning story, but knowing how highly valuable these facts are for the genealogist, I have persistently sought them. Some unborn Manning descendant might say, "Well, all this Manning lore is very good, but what about the ancestry of other grandparents?" The data I include touching in-laws will be of great value to such an interested descendant!

My indebtedness to many of the in-laws is great: Evelyn, Gertrude Ruth, May, Anne, Viola, Lois, another Ann, Carmen, Elizabeth; and over and beyond these, had it not been for Chester Eisenhuth of Millerton, N. Y., I should have had a much more difficult task. On account of his and our mutual cousins - the children of Elizabeth Manning G uptill - Chester has been a never-failing aid, most prompt and courteous in his correspondence. I also name a Manning cousin, Professor Edward G. Manning of the North Carolina College of Agriculture, whose sense of humor, combined with his factual data, enlivens several pages.

LOUISE EDRINGTON WILLIS

March 1953



## PREFACE

In the history of America individual families have held a distinguished place. It is particularly significant that the religious family has usually played a notable part. By tracing the development of such families, we not only discover romance and achievement but we uncover sources of much of the nation's elemental strength. Genealogy pertains, therefore, to more than a family tree; it has to do with the root, stock, and fruit which make civilization, and if the tree is the kind accounted for here, it points to the best that is to be found in the life of our society.

It must be an inspiring experience to one like Louise Willis, author of this publication, who at some time may have been indifferent to ancestral researches, to become aroused to the importance of one's forebears. Imagine Louise's thrill in following the exploits of the Episcopal missionary, "Parson" Nathaniel Manning, when that valiant man undertook the spiritual conquest of almost the whole of what is now called West Virginia! Or, conceive her enkindling interest in pursuing the endeavors of Nathaniel's cousin, the Rev. James Manning, president of Brown University from 1775 to 1791 and pastor at the same time of America's first Baptist church at Providence, Rhode Island. Each one in the generation coming after doubtless left something worthy of notice, and more's the pity that the volume could not be expanded sufficiently to include every worth-while item in the full story. Louise herself, long connected with Baylor University in Texas, afterward engaged in educational work in the heart of China, climaxing her markedly useful life in Washington, D. C., has contributed not a little to the large sum which this family has given to the enrichment of our country.

If one who forgets his ancestors does not deserve to be remembered by his successors, then certainly a record such as this will be cherished by all whom it concerns. And no one can foresee what other import it may have. Who knows but future historians may consult these authentic pages, distant writers may delve into them in search of some detail for literature, or, better still, some unborn child may be intrigued by them?

JOSEPH MARTIN DAWSON

Office of Public Affairs,  
Baptists of the United States  
Washington, D. C.







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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Princeton, New Jersey

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September 16, 1930

Miss Louise Edrington Willis  
Alumni Secretary  
Alumni Association  
Baylor University  
Waco, Texas

My dear Miss Willis:

Your letter of September 9th has been referred by the Alumni Secretary to this office where the biographical records of Princeton graduates are kept.

I am sorry to say that we have very little information concerning your great-great-grand-father, the Reverend Nathaniel Manning.

He was graduated from Princeton University in 1762 with an A.B. degree. We know that after leaving college he studied medicine in Philadelphia and practiced at Metuchen, New Jersey, but we do not know the dates. He was admitted to the New Jersey Medical Society in 1767. In 1771 he was ordained by the Bishop of London, England, for the Parish of Hampshire, Hampshire County, Virginia, which position he probably held until his death, which you say was about 1778.

I am sorry that we cannot help you more. We should greatly appreciate receiving any additional information that you may have concerning the Reverend Manning, as we are anxious to complete his record.

Very sincerely yours,

Signed: Margaret E. Csgood

Secretary to Mr. Collins

MC

To this verbatim copy of the above the recipient is able to add the fact of the Reverend Manning's will, probated February 11, 1777, places his death as late January or early February of that year.





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Miss Louise Willis  
5425 Western Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, 15, D. C.

Dear Miss Willis:

In reply to your inquiry about Dr. Nathaniel Manning, the Transactions of the Medical Society of New Jersey for May 5, 1767, contains the following reference:

"A motion was made to take into consideration the following gentlemen candidates for admission, viz: Doctor James Boggs and Doctor Nathaniel Manning, both recommended by the President. Dr. Manning produced several testimonials from the Faculty of Philadelphia, respecting his abilities in Physic and Surgery, as a farther recommendation. Dr. Thomas Budd, who had served an apprenticeship in Salem, attended Dr. Shippons' Anatomical Lectures in Philadelphia, and was recommended by Dr. Berns Budd. Dr. Stites, well known by many members of the society as a regular practitioner, also presented; and were all elected agreeable to the Constitution of this Society."

We find no further reference to Dr. Manning in the Transactions other than the listing of his name as a member from time to time.

We do not know what medical school developed from the Faculty of Philadelphia, but believe if you wrote to the American Medical Association, 535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago 10, Illinois, they might be able to help you.

Very truly yours,

Signed: Edith L. Madden  
Administrative Secretary

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## HIS FIELD OF SERVICE

The Reverend George J. Cleaveland, Canon-Librarian for the National Cathedral, in 1940 was Rector of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church at Moorefield, Hardy County, West Virginia. For the Moorefield EXAMINER, October 2, 1940, in the column headed "Old Timer," the Reverend Cleaveland recorded his research on the Reverend Nathaniel Manning. From that column the following excerpts are taken:

"Hampshire Parish of the Church of England in Virginia (now the Protestant Episcopal Church) was organized in the year of 1753 by an Act of the Assembly of Virginia, which act of establishment went into effect May 1, 1754. The territory content of the parish was the same as that of the county and included all the territory contained in the present counties of Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, and Grant, together with portions of Pendleton and Morgan counties.... It is difficult to ascertain just what ministerial functions were performed in the parish between the years 1754 and 1772. The Reverend Nathaniel Manning, M. D., was called as rector of the parish in 1771 and began his work in 1772.

"In the year 1771, the vestry of Hampshire Parish granted to Dr. Nathaniel Manning his 'Title to Orders.' Having obtained this title to orders, which constituted a call and assurance of residence and remuneration, Dr. Manning went to England and was ordained to the Priesthood by the Lord Bishop of London for service in Hampshire parish. He is listed as such, not only in the records of the Episcopal Church, but also both in the county records of Hardy and the records of the Alumni Association of Princeton University....

- "(A graduate of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton) in 1762 with a B. A. degree, young Manning studied medicine in Philadelphia, graduated with M. D., practiced in Metuchen, N. J.; was admitted to the Medical Society of New Jersey in 1767. Later he made up his mind to enter the ministry. How he selected the distant parish of Hampshire County for his services can only be conjectured.)

"Having made up his mind to enter the ministry, having received his 'call' to Hampshire parish, Dr. Manning in 1771 went to England, received ordination, and upon his return in 1772 came to the Glebe, entered into residence, and began his ministry.

"The Reverend Nathaniel Manning, M. D., first rector of Hampshire parish, was also a first cousin of the Rev. James Manning, D. D., noted Baptist minister, the founder and first president of Brown University. He died in 1791, fifteen years after his cousin in Virginia and (from a stroke of apoplexy and it is believed such a stroke cut short the life of Nathaniel Manning.)

"It is the conviction of this writer that the Reverend Dr. Nathaniel Manning not only served as rector of his vast parish, preaching the gospel and performing the rites of the Church and administering the Sacraments thereof, but that he also continued the practice of his





medical profession. He was just the type of man who would do so, for a man who would leave a lucrative practice, brave an ocean voyage to England and at his own expense return to serve as minister in a newly settled land, but recently subjected to Indian hostility, was the type of man who would hear and heed not only Christ's command to preach the Gospel, but also his kindred admonition, 'Heal the sick.' Surely 'Parson Manning,' as Daniel McNeill in his deposition called him, was a follower of the Great Physician, and, like his divine Master, known for his good works as well as for his good words, in that he, like Him, went about daily doing good."



## EARLY GENERATIONS IN MASSACHUSETTS AND NEW JERSEY

The descendants of the Reverend Nathaniel Manning prove that he was no "priest after the order of Melchizedek." His American forebears must be recorded, and this is the type research which makes very dry reading. Bear with it, or skip it !

### M A N N I N G    A N D    A N D R E W S

As the emigrant Andrews arrived in New England very early, and as the Andrews name was lost in the Manning lineage, Andrews is taken up first:

Lincoln's History of Hingham, Mass., v.2, pp. 10, 11:

"Thomas Andrews and his son Joseph came from Devonshire, England, and settled in Hingham, Mass., before the arrival of Rev. Peter Hobart and his company in 1635. Thomas Andrews was aged. He died August 21, 1643.

"Joseph Andrews, born in Devonshire, England, ca. 1597, married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_, and died January 1, 1679/80. His widow died August 12, 1688."

Joseph Andrews was sworn Constable at May Court in 1635  
Representative to General Court in 1636, 1637, and 1638  
First Town Clerk of Hingham, Mass.  
Moved to Duxbury and was  
Surveyor of Highways in 1654, and  
Constable in 1664.

#### Children:

Thomas; born Nov. 1632  
Joseph, born ca. 1635  
Elizabeth, baptized at Hingham, March 1637 / 8  
Ephraim, baptized August 1639  
Hannah ... married Gannett  
Mary married Beard  
Hepzibah married Jeffrey Manning  
Abigail married John Wadsworth

Comment: The record in colonial days of Joseph Andrews was accepted on an application for membership in the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America.

Monette's First Settler in Piscataway, p. 583:

As a Lord Mayor of London, Thomas Andrews is on record as Sir Thomas Andrews.

#### MANNING:

In 1894, William H. Manning, then of 252 West 15th Street, New





York, wrote our Uncle Edward B. Manning of Millerton, N. Y., regarding a volume, then in the making, asking for what Manning lore he had... In this letter of April 16, 1894, he referred to a Mr. C. D. Leonard who had collected much data regarding the New Jersey Mannings, and that he had a copy of his notes. (Quoting from this letter:

"A certain Jeffrey Manning settled in New Jersey as early as 1676 near Plainfield, Piscataway Township. The 4th generation of that family produced an Episcopal minister, of whom:

"Nathaniel Manning, born 1738, graduated Princeton 1762; physician in Metuchen and vicinity. In 1771 went to England and was ordained a minister of the Episcopal Church by the Bishop of London; returned to this country, settled in Hampshire County, Va., where he preached until his death in 1776" (will probated Feb. 11, 1777).

"At that day family names were repeated in each succeeding generation, your father (letter to E. B. Manning) was named Nathaniel William. Rev. Nathaniel had a brother William, two nephews named William, a nephew named Nathaniel.... I may add, too, that the Rev. Nathaniel Manning was a cousin to Rev. James Manning, the famous President of Brown University, Providence, R. I. "

Wm H. Manning argued that Rev. Nathaniel Manning no doubt married in New Jersey and brought his wife to Virginia. We know this to be incorrect since his wife was MARY HITE, daughter of Jacob and Catherine C'Bannon-Hite, then living in the Valley of Virginia. They named their one son, Jacob Hite Manning, thus forsaking the William and Nathaniel Custom, and also proving the importance of the HITE family.

Louise Pecquet du Bellet, Vol. 4, mentions the above marriage to Mary Hite, and then her second marriage to a Mr. Busby, and this is readily accepted in view of the early death of her first husband.

Wm. H. Manning, in his 1894 letter, again quotes Leonard:

"Jeffrey Manning was Marshal of the first county court of Middlesex, Piscataway, N. J., 1682."

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For the following introductory statements, we turn to the volume in making in 1894, later published in 1902, by Wm. H. Manning, then of Ayer, Mass., entitled: General and Biographical History of the Manning Family of New England. In this large volume, we find meager but honorable mention of our branch of the Manning family.

The following from an introductory page:

"In 1271, Mannings were found in 22 counties of England. They were originally from Manheim, a town in Saxony, whence they came to England before the Conquest in 1066. The earliest representative of





note was Simon de Manning of Downs in County Kent, time of Richard I, 1189-1199, A.D. He was the first of the Barons to take up the Cross and go with Richard in the Holy Wars, Second Crusade. He was knighted on the field of battle."

From Burke's General Armory (the official English Heraldic authority) published by the Director of the British Heraldic Office):

MANNING... Downe, County Kent, England, April 20, 1577...

"Arms: Gules, a cross fiery between 4 trefoils OR

"Crest: Out of a Ducal Coronet OR, an Engle's Head, Sa, beaked OR, between two ostrich feathers Argent.

"Motto: Per Ardua Stabilis ... freely translated: Stability through Perseverance."

The Manning Arms were confirmed by Sir Gilbert Detrick in the Reign of Elizabeth in the 16th Century.

In the Richmond Library, summer 1930, I copied the following: "MANNING ... In numbers of the British Theatre, London, 1791, once belonging to St. George Tucker, the younger, there are book plates of one William Manning."

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#### FAMILY HISTORY:

Genealogists, after study of the sources available, differ as to the name of the Manning emigrant, whether he was William or John Manning; and again differ as to which John Manning. My own research and that of three genealogists follow, with sources quoted:

Compendium of American Genealogy: First Families of America:

"John Manning, born ca. 1615, came to America in 1635, married Abigail \_\_\_\_\_."

Monette in Early Settlers of Piscataway, pp. 615/6:

"Original emigrant seems to have been William from England."

Manning Family, p. 9:

"The original emigrant seems to have been William...."

"1634, John Manning was at Ipswich, and 1636, Thomas Manning appeared in the same town. It cannot be asserted their families were long continued in the male line. They were the sons of William Manning, the First, as 'certain as night follows the day!'"

Much of the research quoted from here on is from data furnished me in 1933 by Clara M. Rowell (now deceased), a librarian-genealogist in Los Angeles:

Nelson, History of East Jersey Coast, v. 2., page 305:

Published lineages give John Manning as the father of Jeffrey Manning.





Abridged Compendium, v. 1, pp. 631; v. 4, p. 305:

Jeffrey Manning was the son of John Manning and his wife Abigail of Boston... The name of Jeffrey's son, John, seems conclusive. Beyond doubt, John was the name of Jeffrey's father also.

"Discussing the two rather famous John Mannings in the Manning Genealogy, pp. 602/3, it is clear that the data given in each case may be applied to either account. They relate to one and the same person.

"It seems probable that the notable John Manning, Captain, of Colonial New York, as frequently appearing in the records, is one of these men, with indicia of the other... "Captain in the Marine and Militia."

This John Manning is fully and entirely eligible to have been:

- a. Son of the first William Manning
- b. The man of Ipswich in 1634, and
- c. The father of Jeffrey Manning.

"In Vital Statistics of Piscataway, p. 257, are births recorded of three children which are not possible of allocation, as a contemporary John Manning (son of Jeffrey) with likewise a wife Elizabeth was too young to have been the father of them, as they were born before he married his wife Elizabeth in 1693.

They undoubtedly related to the family of Captain John Manning, then with a wife Elizabeth, and was then, 1688, living on Quinanicut Island.

Appleton's Encyclopedia of American Biography, v. 4, p. 193:

This Captain John Manning enjoyed the full confidence of Governor Lovelace, was a member of his Council, and was in charge of affairs when the Governor was away. While in this charge the Dutch arrived and demanded the surrender of Fort James, and after some resistance, it was taken. Captain Manning then sent to England, waited upon the King, and explained to him the particulars of the surrender. On hearing this the King turned to his companion, the Duke of York and said, "Brother, the ground itself could not have been maintained against such odds."

(The above bit of history was accepted on the application of one member of the Colonial Dames, but was turned down on the application of her niece whose papers were checked by another genealogist.)

Miss. Clara Rowell's data is again quoted:

"With the foregoing in mind -

Jeffrey Manning was a son of Captain John Manning.

"Jeffrey Manning married ca. 1662, Hepzibah Andrews, daughter of Joseph Andrews of Hingham, Mass., and a granddaughter of Sir Thomas Andrews, Lord Mayor of London... p. 583, First Settlers

From Monette's First Settlers, pp. 615/6:

Jeffrey Manning of Piscataway, born ca. 1641, died Jan. 26, 1692/3, was illustrious and headed a proud descendancy in Piscataway; settling there as early as 1673, Sept. 7, for he took the Dutch oath,





second on the list. Joseph Snow being the first.

Manning Genealogy, pp. 9, 676, and 605;

1676 ... Jeffrey Manning settled as early as this year in Piscataway Township, N. J., and was the ancestor of the large and important New Jersey family of which President James Manning of Brown College was a representative.

The children of Jeffrey and Hepzibah Andrews Manning:

(from First Settlers, p. 236; also Vital Statistics of Piscataway and Woodbridge, N. J.)

MARY, born Mass. ca. 1663, married Nov. 17, 1677, Samuel Hull (born ca. 1649, died after 1734, son of Rev. Jos. Hull) Elizabeth, born Mass. ca. 1666; married Nov. 23, 1686, Thomas FitzRandolph (born Aug. 16, 1654, son of Edward FitzRandolph, the First)

ENSIGN JOHN, born Mass. ca 1668, died \_\_\_\_\_; married April 4, 1693, Elizabeth Dennis of W. (Woodbridge?) born Feb. 14, 1674, daughter of John and Sarah Dennis.) p. 227

Joseph, born Mass. May 4, 1674, died 1728; married - 1st Sarah FitzRandolph (daughter of Sarah and John FitzRandolph, born April 25, 1682

2nd Temperance Hull (whose mother was Rachel Yorke)

JAMES, born N. J., April 25, 1674, died 1724; married Jan. 23 1699/1700, Christian Lainge (daughter of John Lainge of Piscataway.) p. 227

From Compendium of American Genealogy ... F. F. A., p. 695: (John Lainge died 1699; from Scotland, settled in Plainfield, N. J.; 1685; married Margaret \_\_\_\_\_)

BENJAMIN, born Sept 6, 1676, N. J.; died 1702; married Jan. 19, 1798/99, Ann Blackford (daughter of \_\_\_\_\_).

Colonial Service:

Jeffrey Manning was a commissioner to lay out land grants, 1682; was Marshall or Cryer of First County Court of Middlesex, N. J., held at Piscataway, 1683.

(Manning Genealogy, p. 805; History of Union and Middlesex Counties, p. 447)

The 5th child of the above:

JAMES MANNING, born April 25, 1674, died 1724; married Christian Lainge, Jan. 23, 1699/1700

Their children. p. 236

James, born May 23, 1700

Isaac

NATHANIEL, born Dec. 25, 1707

Margaret, born Dec. 23, 1701; married Dec. 3, 1724,

Jonathan FitzRandolph

Ebenezer, born Nov. 7, 1703

James Manning mentioned in his will: James, Isaac, Nathaniel, and Margaret.





(James Manning, 1st son of the above James, born May 23, 1700, married Grace FitzRandolph. These were the parents of James Manning (Oct. 22, 1728-July 29, 1791 - death from apoplexy) who was the first President of Brown University.)

NATHANIEL MANNING, 3rd son of James and Christian Manning, born Dec. 25, 1707 died Jan. 9, 1766; married twice:  
1st Prudence FitzRandolph, July 29, 1728. She died Dec. 1, 1732, leaving one son -  
James, born May 21, 1730  
2nd Mary Harris, Feb. 13, 1733. pp. 228, 231.  
Children by second wife:  
Elizabeth; born Sept. 7, 1736  
NATHANIEL, born August 19, 1738  
William, born June 5, 1740  
Isaac; born June 20, 1740  
Isaac, born August 19, 1742 ( - 43? )  
Benjamin, born August 12, 1744  
Margaret, born Sept. 20, 1746

Above Nathaniel Manning (1707-1766) had colonial service in the French and Indian Wars, which service was accepted by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of N. J.

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BEGINNING WITH THE ABOVE NATHANIEL MANNING (born August 19, 1738), ALL HIS DESCENDANTS ARE TO BE NAMED, BOTH LIVING AND DEAD ...

With Jeffrey Manning as the first Manning of this family in New Jersey the Reverend Nathaniel Manning, M. D., was of the 4th generation in N. J.

The following sources bear on the Rev. Nathaniel Manning:  
Colonial Families of N. S. (J?), by Mackenzie, v. 1, p. 195  
Cartmell, Frederick County, Va.  
Penna. Germans, July 1903, p. 335





Mary Darke Manning  
1772-1843



Jacob Hite Manning  
1774-1816





## JACOB HITE MANNING

The will of Nathaniel Manning, signed January 12, 1774, makes no mention of the son born June 21, 1774. This will was probated February 11, 1777, which, according to the custom of probating will within two weeks following the death of the testator, places his death about February 1, 1777.

The early life of young Jacob Hite Manning is shrouded in silence, but the following can be accepted regarding some of his youth. From the The Old Timer, Moorefield, W. Va., is quoted, the writer being at that time, October 2, 1940, the Rev. George Cleaveland, Rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church:

"The deed book of Hampshire County shows that in 1784 Mary Manning, widow of Berkeley County, (where many of her Hite relatives lived) bought Lot No. 17 from the Trustees of the Town of Moorefield that she might erect thereon a residence. This would be that, on account of the death of her husband, with the arrival of the new Rector she would be expected to vacate the residence at the Glebe. In all probability since her husband was buried in the churchyard at the Glebe; since her son was born there, since she was related by her uncle, Abraham Hite's marriage to a South Branch family, and since she had many friends in the community, she would naturally be expected to like to continue in a location filled with such associations. ... This Glebe was the home land of the first parish rector for Hampshire and Hardy Counties, there he took his bride, there his first child was born; and there no doubt his first congregation worshipped in a log church after the manner of their fathers."

As to the second marriage of Mrs. Mary Hite Manning to a Mr. Busby, nothing is definite as to the date nor as to their residence, but a letter written in 1909 to our Aunt Lucy Berry accounts for a descendant: "Near King of Prussia Penna., lived, early part of this century, Cousin Sarah Tyson, descendant of Jost Hite through his granddaughter Mary Hite, who first married the Rev. Manning, and later a Mr. Busby."

"A daughter of this second marriage, Mary Busby, was wooed and won by Jonathan Roberts. One of their nine children was Sarah Hite Roberts, who married Samuel Tyson, who died some years ago. His widow, the great-great-granddaughter of Jost Hite, the Perkionen pioneer, is passing serenely the measure of her years with her son Edward Tyson, in the old Tyson homestead near King of Prussia (Pa.)"

"Jonathan Roberts, previous to his election to the U. S. Senate, February 28, 1814 (95 years ago), was a member of the National House of Representatives.... He was close supporter of the Madison policies, a close personal friend of the President.... "

How pleasing the expression: "passing serenely the measure of her years.")



Research in DAR Library, April-May 1953

Some very enterprising DAR members have typed and bound old Court records in Berkeley and Jefferson Counties, Virginia and West Virginia.

Vol: -Berkeley County Willis, 1777 1816

P. 35--Thomas Rutherford, probated 7-25, 1796

Names wife, Mary; daughter, Sarah Rutherford.

Executors include Mary Rutherford, Wm. Darke

Witnesses include George Hite

Vol:--Marriages in Berkeley County, 1797--1816

P. 95--September 25, 1798

Jacob Manning to Mary Rutherford

Vol:--Tombstone inscriptions, Jefferson Co.

P. 86--In Rutherford graveyard on Howell Brown farm:

"To the memory of William Manning, born Jan. 14, 1800; died Jan. 23, 1800; age 9 days."

...Comment: Most likely the infant son of Jacob and Mary Manning, who probably continued living in her Rutherford home until the death of her mother, 1806.





- 7 JACOB HITE MANNING, born Hampshire County, Va., June 21, 1774; died in Jefferson County, W. Va., November 20, 1816; interred family burying ground on the homestead of General William Darke.

Married: Mrs. Mary Darke Rutherford, the widow of Thomas Rutherford, brother of Robert Rutherford of Virginia Valley fame. She was the only daughter of General Darke, his only child to leave descendants. Born 1772, Berkeley Co., Va.; died June 13, 1843; buried Darke family burying ground.

An issue of the Shepherdstown Register, April 21, 1900, gives the date of the above marriage as 1804, which is in error, as the will of General Darke, signed October 12, 1801, mentions Mary Manning, his daughter, a number of times.... His is the earliest will on record in Jefferson County, W. Va.

The 1810 Census for Jefferson County, (page 179) reads:

Jacob H. Manning, self and wife, ages 26 to 45  
One daughter under 10 (Mary)  
One daughter 10 to 16 (Sarah Rutherford unquestionably.)

Mary Darke's daughter by her marriage to Thomas Rutherford was Sarah de Montargis Rutherford, who married Dr. Briscoe and lived at "Piedmont" near Charles Town, and where her descendants continue to live. She must have been an eager collector of family relics as at Piedmont portraits of General Darke and his wife (this second a positive wreck of time), his sword, his watch, as well as the miniatures of Jacob and Mary Manning, the portrait of their granddaughter, Virginia Waugh.

#### Children:

Mary E. D. Manning  
Jacob Hite Manning  
Nathaniel William Manning  
James Monroe Manning

- 8 Mary E. D. Manning born before 1810, married I. B. Waugh, and according to the 1840 Census had one daughter under 10 years, and this daughter was Antoinette, or Virginia Waugh. So far as it seems possible to determine, neither married. "Nettie Waugh" was living in 1911.

- 8 Jacob Hite Manning passed his brief life in the Darke home near Duffields, W. Va.; born January 12, 1812; died December 17, 1834.  
Married Patsy Little, and their one child, Eliza R. Manning, lived but 11 months.





8 NATHANIEL WILLIAM MANNING, taken up in full later, continues the line of descent.

8 James Monroe Mannin, born ca. 1815, lived with his mother and is so recorded in the Census of 1840. Mary Manning died in 1843, and the next years found James Monroe among the '49-ers', but he returned without a fortune, so far as I ever heard; passed his last years with his niece, Lucy Manning Berry, in Winchester, Va., and there died.

Travel remembrance and data: September 4, 1932, I was in old Charles Town, W. Va.; had my Ford coupe, went about trying to find places. From Duffields, near Charles Town, a gate led to the former estate and residence-site of Gen. Darke - a placard reading: "Site of General Darke's home. Revolutionary soldier."

From the old home-site one views a rim of encircling hills, above which trees and sky promise the more distant Shenandoah and Blue Ridge. The home was burned years ago; the old spring house was falling in, but its water was clear and sweet. The unusual size and appearance of the stone house evidently used for overseer's quarters or to house house servants, clearly bespoke the size and style of the home General Darke built. [Here lived Mary Darke with her first husband,] with her second, and here her five children were born.... I was directed to the family burying ground, to which I climbed a slight ascent. Now in an open field, a few trees lend shelter to stock. Several headstones were standing, from which I copied the following:

"Sacred to the memory of Mary Manning, only daughter of General William Darke, who departed this life June 13, 1943, in the 71st year of her age." *Aug.*

"Sacred to the memory of Jacob H. Manning, who was born June 21, 1774, and died November 26, 1816. Aged 42 years, 6 months, 5 days."

"To the memory of Jacob H. Manning, who was born Jan. 26, 1812, and died December 17, 1834. Aged 22 years, 10 months, 22 days."

"To the memory of Eliza R. Manning, who was born May 21, 1831, and died April 25, 1832. Aged 11 months, 4 days."

"In memory of Betty C. Manning, daughter of N. W. and Patsy Price Manning, born April 13, 1836, died November 21, 1842. Aged 6 years, 7 months, and 6 days."

The above five were plainly decipherable - the present small differences perhaps due to time calculations of that day, or to the fact they have been copied from other pages several times.... To one side, one small headstone, leaning and partly sunk, bore only initials decipherable as either N. M. or M. M. If N. M., then let us hope that Jacob H. Manning, mindful of his father's lone grave in Hampshire County in the Glebe churchyard, knowing that his mother had married again and moved away, had his father's remains re-interred and buried



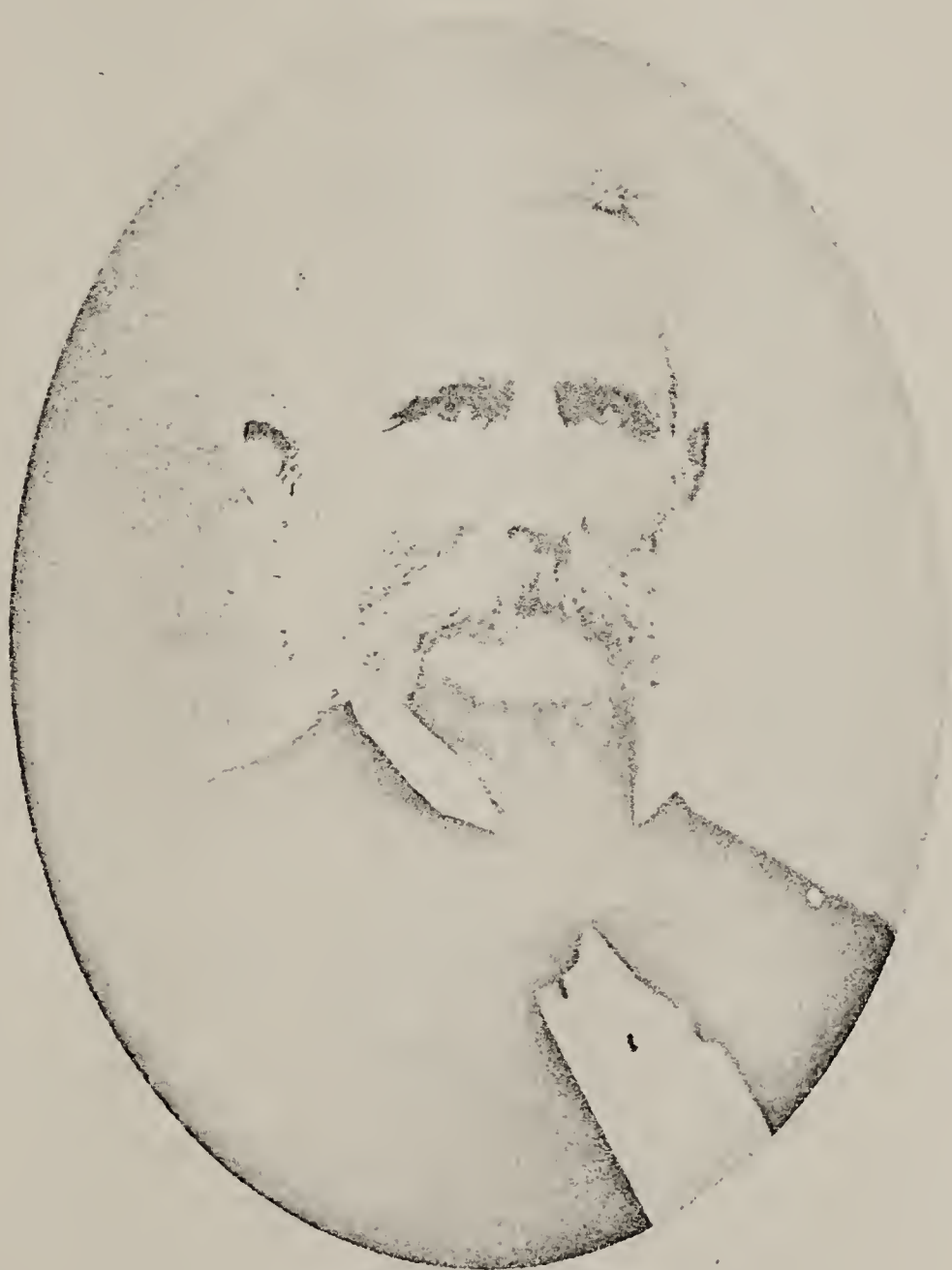
on the Darke-Manning family burying plot.

Names in the Manning lineage run heavily to "William," "Nathaniel," "James," and these were resumed after the two generations bearing "Jacob Hite," which is readily understood, as these were born in the days of Hite predominance, wealth, influence in the Valley. That the Reverend Nathaniel Manning named his one son Jacob Hite in honor of his father-in-law is therefore easily explained.

Only conjecture explains the name "Monroe," which also ran for two generations. James Monroe Manning, third son of Jacob Hite Manning II, evidently was named for the president-to-be, James Monroe, whose star was looming large on the political horizon. For this uncle, Mary Monroe Manning was named..... That a son of Nathaniel W. Manning bore the name of Buchanan may be explained in the same way. No line of ancestry, so far as my research goes, ever bore the names of Monroe or Buchanan..... Long the custom in the best families to name their children after their ancestors, it has been largely abandoned in this day and generation. Names pulled down right "out of the blue" are assigned to the cradle occupants.







Nathaniel William Manning  
1813-1879







Martha Price Craighill Manning  
1813-1876



## NATHANIEL WILLIAM MANNING

- 8 NATHANIEL WILLIAM MANNING, only child of Jacob Hite and Mary Darke Manning, whose descendants continue the Manning name and blood, or the blood, was born November 28, 1813, at the Darke-Manning home near Duffields and Charles Town, then in Virginia, but now in West Virginia; died June 8, 1879, from a third stroke while attending services in the Presbyterian Church in Winchester, Va; buried in Zion Church yard, Charles Town, W. Va.

His was a very peaceful death, his head dropping on the shoulder of the man by him, who recalled that Grandpa had blown his nose just before. As his body was carried through the vestibule, he breathed his last.... An upright, cultured man, highly respected by all; in well-to-do circumstances both by inheritance and from his own farming and brick-kiln interests. In 1850 he purchased 410 acres on the Shenandoah and built "Buena Vista," his home, and so rightly named, as it commanded a view of the Valley, the river, the blue mountains embracing the Valley. There he passed a number of contented years, in useful service in civic life and to church, with his beloved wife and young children.... Left in reduced circumstances by the Civil War, but loyal to friends for whom he signed notes and had to pay them later. My mother spoke of one note for \$35,000; and Patsy Berry Reinhart recalls family talk of "signing too many notes." He lost ownership of Buena Vista about 1872 but continued to live there until death of his wife in 1876, after which he went to his daughter's home in Winchester, Va.

Married: In Georgetown, then suburb of Washington City, February 2, 1835, Martha (Patsy) Price Craighill, born at "Fenton" near Charles Town, September 23, 1813; died at Buena Vista, March 3, 1876; buried in Zion Church yard. She was the only daughter of William Price Craighill and Eliza Conrad Little, both born in Berkeley County, Va.

The date of the above marriage was long elusive and its finding is worth recording. For some undetermined reason they went to Georgetown, all of fifty miles from their Valley homes. The year of 1936 found me assisting Dr. Frederick Eby of the University of Texas in his research for early Texas schools to be recorded on the electrified map of Texas for display at the Centennial of Texas Independence in 1836.... In the attic of Sutton Hall were many, many stacks of old newspapers. On one occasion as I searched through these for early Texas schools, I happened to notice a stack, "Daily National Intelligencer, Washington, D. C.," the top paper dated February 4, 1835, opened at the column of marriages, Page 3, Column 6, and there I read and made this note: "On Monday the 2nd instant, by the Reverend Mr. Brooke of Georgetown, Mr. Nathaniel W. Manning to Miss Martha P. Craighill, all of Charlestown, Virginia."

So there was the elusive date recorded in black and white, and since then I have encountered it on D. A. R. records for the District of Columbia.





Martha Price Craighill Manning must have been a greatly beloved mother, as four of her married children named daughters for her. Her childhood home, "Fenton," was diagonally across the Shenandoah from Buena Vista, but sat much farther back from the river. She was the one sister with five, possibly six brothers, three of whom married "Sarahs," designated as "Aunt Sallie Mat," "Aunt Sallie Sam," and "Aunt Sallie Jack." Grandma Manning died at the age of 63 from an attack of pneumonia.

The above two were "Pa" and "Ma" to my mother, who spoke of them often, her tone and words of affectionate reverence. To them she attributed all the good in herself; of them she cherished many happy memories. She always said she would die at 63 "as Ma did," and she did.

Their children:

Betty C. Manning, who lived but six years  
Fannie Lucas Manning  
Mary Monroe Manning  
William Price Manning  
Edward Buchanan Manning  
Addison Berry Manning  
Lucy Edrington Manning







Fannie Lucas Manning  
1838-1909



## FANNIE LUCAS MANNING

Born in Jefferson County, Va., 1838; died in Winchester, Va., June 11/12, 1909; interred Zion Church yard near her parents, Charles Town.

Aunt Fannie's life was no easy one. After the death of her mother in 1876, she began a "round" of living in homes of sisters and one brother. She first came to my mother in our home in Howard County, Md.; moved with us to Texas in the early 1880's and there continued until she went to Uncle Addy in Parsons, Kansas, about the middle 1890's. While in Parsons she had a brief mental upset and Uncle Addy kindly cared for her. No wonder this when for long years she must have regarded herself as a kind of "fifth wheel" in homes where interest centered around growing children. Aunt Phronie named her youngest child for Aunt Fannie - a very touching tribute of affection and understanding. Not only her name but her gift of beauty also descended to Frances Lucas Manning!

With her black hair, creamy skin, deep blue eyes, she was a typical Irish beauty. Her hair changed to snowy white and her teeth remained the whitest I ever saw. She was quite deaf, always asked over - due largely to inattention - then heard whatever she was meant not to hear!

She sang soprano, a true but small voice often drowned out by my mother's rich alto. My mother played the piano and these two made all the music there was in our home.

From Uncle Addy's home she moved to Aunt Lucy Berry's in Winchester, Va., and there died quietly. She lies in an unmarked grave - an omission I should be glad to correct with a simple low stone.

Fannie Lucas Manning lost her fiance, Cleon Moore, in the Civil War, and remained faithful to his love and memory.







Mary Monroe Manning  
1841-1904



## MARY MONROE MANNING WILLIS

- 9 Mary Monroe Manning (Mollie Manning) was born near Charles Town, Jefferson County, Virginia, May 5, 1841; died at Waco, Texas from a heart attack, November 13, 1904, Age 63; buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Waco, and with her lie in their last sleep, three daughters; Bessie, Eva, and Fannie.

To my great regret, I cannot name the home or place where my mother and her two older sisters were born. I recall her saying that as a small girl she once lived at "Vinton," the home of Manning cousins. She was one of three cousins, called the "Three Mollies:" Mollie Craighill, Mollie Brown, and Mollie Manning. Theirs was a happy childhood on into young womanhood; loved by many, claiming relationship with so many of their names and blood. She and her brother Billy were especially chummy among the family of three sisters, three brothers. With a natural alto, she sang in the choir of Zion Episcopal Church when so small she stood on a chair among the grown-ups... Her schooling and that of all but Billy is not clear. Six miles from Charles Town was too far to go, and therefore there must have been private teachers. One small fact; she is mentioned as a pupil in 1855 by the teacher-cousin, later the Rev. James Craighill, at Manning's Schoolhouse. She would smilingly claim to have taught a little also. Never pretty, Mollie Manning possessed a sparkling charm; played the piano, sang, danced... To her lovely home on the Shenandoah came her several suitors, among whom she chose William Beale Willis.

Married: At Buena Vista, October 27, 1864, by the Reverend Charles E. Ambler, to William Beale Willis, born April 12, 1837, at "Locust Grove," Jefferson County; died December 8, 1919, Palacios, Texas; the son of William Ballard Willis and Fannie Beale Willis, first cousins once removed, and both born in Jefferson County.

Schooling: Fifteen when he moved to Maryland, Beale Willis most likely previously attended Charles Town Academy, founded in 1795. Later in Maryland, Grandpa had private tutors for his sons; then joined with neighbors to establish a small private school.

My mother always spoke of my Grandfather Willis as "Cousin William," and when asked why, her answer was, "Because Ma did." I am sure she did not know the Craighill relationship with my father-second cousin once removed; nor of the third cousinship through the Hite lines. To her, nearly everyone was a "cousin" and she did not often bother to explain.

In his youth my father had every advantage enjoyed by sons of well-to-do families. As son of a Virginia planter, or farmer, he was expected to be a farmer and was given land for this. For this life he had no bent whatever. Had he been trained as a scientist, or in modern technology, he would have gone far in either field.... He invented the Rotary Plow - is on record for this at the U. S. Patent Office; also the Hay Press, but someone else invented this about the same time and





profited. His plow revolutionized plowing on the vast alluvial plains of the south and mid-west, and for this patent he was offered by McCormick Co. ten thousand dollars and life royalties, which offer he refused as inadequate. His family might have lived in modest comfort instead of the hard struggle of my early remembrance.

Some years ago I decided my debt to my father was threefold: Health above average; a mind average, perhaps a little above; and a lineage-heritage superlatively good. By American money-making standards he was a complete failure. So far as I know he never provided adequately for his family. After marriage, the war over, he lived on at Buena Vista, where two sons were born; then he moved to his father's home in Maryland, called "The Refuge," and there three daughters were born. In the early 1870's Grandpa Willis built "Edgewood," very near The Refuge, and there his last two children were born.... One by one his children, nearing maturity, left the "home-nest" and began to provide for themselves and help their mother. But my father had his good points:

He was an omnivorous, retentive reader; had a brilliant, inventive mind; talked well, had an unusually large vocabulary; had great charm of manner and superb health.... One frequent joke of his when a Texas norther was whistling around the house, was to come in rubbing his hands, saying, "I tell you, Mollie, Old Boreas is blowing his horn." Puzzling then, my remembrance held and when I was in Athens and stood before the Tower of Winds, north side, there indeed was Old Boreas blowing his horn!

As I recall, my father always drank, not to excess, but sufficiently to be very cross at times; smoked a pipe. At age 65, when a doctor told him he would lose his eyesight if he did not give up drinking and smoking, he stopped at once, and with no tapering off procedure.... He outlived my mother by fifteen years. His second wife, a Louisianian, *(Mrs. Emma Smith)* was a good cook and housekeeper, with a complaisant, agreeable disposition. A devout Methodist, she tried to influence my father in Christian faith.... Bessie, Fannie, and I visited in their home at Palacios, Texas, liked our stepmother, and felt deeply grateful to her for making our father so comfortable in his old age. Papa became Justice of the Peace at Palacios, and by the citizens of that small Gulf Coast town was affectionately called "Dad Willis," or Judge Willis. He lived to be well past 82 years, his death due to a general breakdown in health. The cemetery at Palacios is on the very waterline of the Bay of Palacios, elevated to a safe height. Papa's grave is near this waterline. It is decorated annually by the U. D. C.

War Service: A superb soldier, fearless, often used on scout duty. Early in April 1861, enlisted in Bott's Grays, then a unit in General Jackson's division, made up largely of young men from around Charles Town: "Bott's Grays, Company G, 2nd Virginia Regiment. He was in both Battles of Manassas, not wounded.... The second year of the war, he joined the 12th Virginia Cavalry, was under leadership of both the Baylors-father, then son; was a member of Rosser's Laurel Brigade; in all four years in the Army of Northern Virginia, becoming Lieutenant just before the close of the war.





As to his early drill and discipline, I quote from his own statement: "First put in the awkward squad and instructed in the manual of arms. Followed simple movements, complicated later; then battalion drill in which the whole regiment of 1,000 men participated as a whole.... About the middle of June we were ordered to evacuate Harper's Ferry, after burning the bridge under General Jackson's orders.

Our regiment, the 2nd, was ordered to Charles Town; next we went into camp life south of Winchester. When we left this camp General Jackson began teaching us how to march - began to train what was soon called his "foot cavalry."... His preference seemed to be for night marches and enforced day marches; particularly at night we were forced to go for fifty miles at "double quick," so called; <sup>with</sup> then halt<sup>s</sup> for ten minutes. What a comfort I recall the ten minutes were! My own rule was to drop down in the road, even on broken stones, the instant the column ceased to march. With my gun across my breast I was asleep almost before I touched the ground ... and the sleep of a tired soldier is sweet .... It is a satisfaction to know that I had my baptism of fire, took my first lessons in the art of war, under Stonewall Jackson, J. E. B. Stuart, and 'M. N. Pendleton - a classmate at West Point of Jefferson Davis, President of the Southern Confederacy."

For the benefit of our New-York-born "Yankee" cousins who may read these pages, I wish to add that neither my father nor my mother harbored bitterness over the defeat of the Southern Armies. I never heard either speak with any acidity of the North - "good men on both sides and many died." At Buena Vista officers from both sides were quartered in turn from time to time. My mother enjoyed dancing with officers from both camps.... Then in Waco, Texas, my sister, Bessie, wished to join the U. D. C.'s, my father disapproved, his advice being, "Forget it, harbor no ill will, the sooner forgotten the better." Bessie had difficulty in securing my father's record, which he gave in time.... Here in Washington, on a sightseeing trip to the Manassas Battleground, it was with pride that I saw the Cyclorama of Jackson and his men, when General Bee, with his last words, said, "There stands Jackson like a stonewall." In those lines of men were my father, two of his brothers, a brother of my mother's .... I decided to join the U. D. C.'s, and have-Stonewall Jackson Chapter.

Again BUENA VISTA: That summer of 1930 when I was in the Valley and stopped in Charles Town, to see Buena Vista was a chief objective. This fine old home had passed through ownership of several and by the 1920's was in sad need of repairs. The stockmarket crash of the late 1920's which made many poor also enriched a few, and one of these was Brooke Lyncoop. He bought Buena Vista, remodeled it, using its foundation, to a large extent its walls, and renamed this home "Willow Brooke," and why so named is not known, for, as a cousin said, the Shenandoah is certainly no brook and there are no willows near.

I drove out to Willow Brooke, then closed for the summer; walked on the wide verandah to the west end, and from that point had a view which, with its beauty, literally stabbed me to the heart with this sudden realization of what my mother so longed for and never saw again. Looking up the Valley, all in full view, the blue Cumberlands, the





bluer Blue Ridge, like extended arms embracing all; from the hazy distance of the Upper Valley emerged the two branches of the Shenandoah - that "Shining Daughter of the Stars" - which joined into the larger river and came on toward me, a silver glistening ribbon, to the very foot of the slope on which Buena Vista was built, then went rippling, sparkling north to join the deeper Potomac. Such was the beauty my mother left for - the milder beauty of Maryland hills; then on to the rolling prairie lands of Texas, whose beauty is awake with spring flowers and whose unbroken expanse of sky by night is starred with heavenly jewels..... The Chinese combine two characters to indicate scenery - water and mountains - and right they are!

Children of Beale and Mollie Willis:

William Manning Willis

Francis Madison Willis

Elizabeth Craighill Willis

Mary Evelyn Willis

Patsy, "Little Pattie," lived but two weeks

Fannie Beale Willis

Louise Edrington Willis

That I take up members of my own family in somewhat lengthy detail, you will pardon, I hope, and please! I believe anyone in my place would do likewise.

- 10 William Manning Willis, born at Buena Vista, July 27, 1866; died at Hartsburg, Missouri, August 18, 1899; interred in Oakwood Cemetery, Parsons, Kansas; his funeral service conducted by the Episcopal Rector, the Masons taking charge at the cemetery.

Manning was six feet, slender, blonde - and I suspect was a typical Willis..... I was an unobservant child, now cannot recall Manning's being a regular member of the household, and his absence evidently was due to his several jobs making a living.... I do recall family talk that when in his first teens he ran away from home, on account of over harsh punishment by our father; was gone a year. Both Manning and Frank were deprived of schooling except for the years in Maryland, a neighborhood school taught by a neighbor's son.... At the time of his marriage he was in charge of a large dairy unit near Waco, owned by his wife's cousin. Soon thereafter he moved to Parsons, Kansas to work in the bridge-building division of the M. K. & T. R. R., then in charge of Uncle Addy Manning, Superintendent of Bridges and Building for this railroad.

August 18, 1899, as foreman of a crew building a bridge at Hartsburg, Mo., Manning Climbed upon the false construction to spread canvas to give shade for his men working below in the hot river bed; stepped on a cog-wheel, slipped, fell head first onto timbers below, on to the river bed. His head was badly crushed, death came within a few hours.... With the use of Uncle Addy's private car, my mother, Eva, Fannie, and I attended his funeral service. Out of respect for her grief over this tragic death of her firstborn, my mother went into full mourning.





Mason: In Masonic ritual, member of the Blue Lodge, Parsons.

Married: Waco, Texas, January 21, 1890, Melissa Alexandria Holder, born February 20, 1863, Greenfield, Mo.; died March 20 1952, aged 89 years, one month. Interred in Oakwood Cemetery, Parsons, Kansas; the daughter of Marion Francis Holder, born November 8, 1837, in Madison County, Alabama, and of Melissa Alexandria (Amos) Holder, born 1822, at Verona, Missouri.

It is rather amusing in view of the present-day children's knowledge of the "facts of life," that this uninformed witness, then past twelve at this wedding went about gaily exclaiming, "Now, I'm an aunt!" despite my mother's shushings.

Melissa, three and a half years older than her husband outlived all his family except myself. She lived to see all her children doing well, and all were with her toward the last. Left with Manning's modest insurance, she managed well - kept the home, held the family together, instilled into her four children good principles for civic and Christian living.

Church: Methodist

Children:

William Addison Willis  
Marie Francis Willis  
Lucile Melissa Willis  
NATHANIEL MANNING Willis

Their grandmother named all the above except Lucile, for whom her father chose his wife's name and "Lucile" recorded his pleasure in the poem of that name.

11 William Addison Willis (Addy), born in Parsons, November 11, 1891.

Schooling: Brief years in public schools of Parsons and also at Waco, Texas.

Even at walking age Addy was fascinated by trains, would stand at windows to catch glimpses of trains passing. As soon as he was old enough, he hung around the M. K. & T. Roundhouse until he was given a job. Even with defective eyes he became skilled on air brakes; and then such experts were few. With this skill Addy roamed about, easily finding work at railroad headquarters.... Since 1923 he has been located at Cheyenne, Wyoming, with the Union Pacific; and is now termed Shop Inspector, but he writes, "I'm kind of stooge for the General Foreman and Shop Superintendent." A few years ago the Union officials, in person commended his excellent service with a life pass. Like his father, a teaser, prankster, fun-lover, marriage also sobered him.





Mason: Blue Lodge, Commandery or Knight Templars, 32nd degree,  
Shriner, member of the Tirza Shrine, Pittsburg, Kansas.

Married: Kansas City, June 1924, Bernice Newcomb; a graduate of  
the Kansas City High School and Teachers College; a  
teacher in the city schools.

Bernice was a petite, very attractive young woman, but soon after  
marriage developed a "fear-of-germs" mania, and has become mildly insane.  
A subject for institutional hospitalization, she begs pitifully not to  
be sent to one, and makes homelife very unpleasant for her husband. No  
children.

11 Marie Frances Willis, born Parsons, Kansas, April 13, 1894.

Schooling: Graduate of Parsons High School  
Graduate Baylor University, Waco, Texas, B.A., 1916  
Summer student: University of Chicago, Denver University  
and U. C. L. A.  
M.A. degree from the University of Missouri.

Always a good student, in her undergraduate subjects at Baylor  
made all A's in Math and Science; graduate honors in French and German.  
As a "teenager" she liked to play with little children; collected those  
living near for games. As an elementary teacher she has been a great  
success; after serving "apprenticeship" in Texas and Parsons schools,  
she has been an elementary teacher in Kansas City since 1922. Generous  
with her salary, for many years she was the mainstay of her mother and  
the Parsons home. Endowed with even temper, patience, a fine sense of  
duty, Marie has been a good daughter, sister, friend, teacher; a woman  
of sterling Christian character. To me she has been a kind remembering  
niece. With no opportunity for training, she has a natural love for  
music, art, and growing things.

Memberships: American <sup>Assoc</sup> University Women: Order of the Eastern Star.

Church: Methodist

Profession: Elementary teacher in the J. S. Chick School in  
Kansas City.

Residence: Twin Oaks Hotel, 5050 Oak Street, Kansas City/2, Mo.

11 Lucile Melissa Willis, born Parsons, Kansas, May 27, 1896.

Schooling: Graduate Parsons High School  
R. N. degree, Kansas City Research Hospital  
One-year student, postgraduate nursing courses at  
De Lee's Hospital, Chicago.  
Two-year Floor Supervisor, Mercy Hospital, Kansas City.

After private nursing in Los Angeles, Parsons, and Kansas City,  
Lucile gave many years to nursing care of her near-invalid mother, with





occasional returns to private nursing in Parsons. With her beauty of golden brown hair, fine brown eyes, clear skin, her lack of interest in married life is explained by her first hand observation of much surgery on married women. Her early decision, "No married life for me," never changed. Regardless of her quick flashes of temper, she has been most faithful in caring for her mother and the home, and such service cannot be valued in terms of money. Hating the sight of a fly or a "speck" of dirt, Lucile "flies at 'em, hammer and tongs."

Church; Membership: Methodist; Order of the Eastern Star.

War Service: Enlisted December 9, 1943, in answer to Army call for Nurses.

2nd Lt. in the Army Nursing Corps.

Trained at various stops: Colorado, Missouri, Kansas, Illinois; and placed in the 103rd General Hospital for overseas duty.

Liverpool, July, 1944, stationed at Salisbury and Annover.

Attended SHAEF's School at Swindon.

Promoted 1st Lt., England, March 1945.

New York, July 1945; camp stops in New Jersey, Illinois, Alabama.

Discharged Battery General Hospital, July 1945, Rome, Ga.

Present work: Assistant to Doctors examining applicants, Hospital Division of the Kansas Ordnance Plant, Parsons; also works in first aid stations.

11 Nathaniel Manning Willis, born at Parsons, Kansas, May 26, 1898.

Schooling: Grades and some years in high school, Parsons.

As his older brother had, Nat too had to leave school to aid in the support of his home and mother. With a natural talent for art and painting, but no lessons, he went on sign painting jobs and in time owned his own paint and paper shop.

World War I: Enlisted April 1918, U. S. Army, Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Assigned 66th Engineers; after various training stops. Left for Liverpool, on to Southampton, and by September 1918 at LeHavre, with A. E. F. - 53

Quoted from letter of February 16, 1933:

"An examination of the records of the American Expeditionary Forces in the National Archives reveals the name of Nathaniel M. Willis, Private, M 475540, on rosters of personnel of the 55th Company, Transportation Corps at Camp J. W. Garrett, Post Montierchaume, France, New York, July 6, 1919, on to Camp Dodge, Iowa.

Discharge form reads:

Corporal Casual Detachment (1006) Demonstration Group.  
Last Assignment 55th Company, Transport Corps.





Non-commissioned Corporal, Special Order, May 22, 1919.  
Honorable Discharge, Camp Dodge, Iowa, July 13, 1919.

Further import of discharge form is that Nat had a clear record with no time lost from active duty due to illness or any type confinement.... In 1939 Nat applied for work in the Portsmouth Shipyards, and moved to Portsmouth in December 1940. Previous to this removal he had been his mother's right-hand man about the home, keeping all in order, both inside and out, thus relieving her of both expense and worry.

Masonic Order: 32nd Degree from the Parsons Blue Lodge to the Consistory or Scottish Rite Order. Member of the Mirza Shrine at Pittsburg, Kansas. At the time he became a Shriner, before 21, he was the youngest member of the Mirza Shrine.

Present work: Superintendent of the Paint Yard Department, Portsmouth Shipyards.

Residence: 916 Ann Street, Portsmouth, Va.

Married: Parsons, November 22, 1921, Josephine Barbara Duswell, born March 8, 1900, at Kinmundy, Illinois: daughter of Charles Eugene Buswell, born August 12, 1861, at New Charles, Ohio, and of Eva Katherine (Schoenborn) Buswell, born December 7, 1876, at Mascoutah, Illinois.

Schooling: Graduate High School, Parsons.

Nat's wife, "Jo," is a model housekeeper, cook, wife and mother; always faithful in her membership duties in her church and her Chapter of the Eastern Star. Now with a married daughter and a granddaughter, her spheres of interest have greatly widened.

Church: Methodist

One daughter:

12 Natalie Louise Willis, born at Parsons, Kansas, July 15, 1924.

Schooling: Graduate Woodrow Wilson High School, 1942, Portsmouth, Va.

Having moved with her parents to Portsmouth, Va., December 1940, after her high school graduation, Natalie for a brief period tried her wings in the business world. Slender and very blonde, she takes her coloring from her Grandfather Willis, and perhaps her features also.

Married: At Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif., February 25, 1944, Charles Maynard Sandwith, born in Pittsburg, Kansas, November 4, 1922; son of Alfred E. Sandwith, born at Durlingame, Coffey Co.,





Kansas, and of  
Mary Sophia (Jackson) Sandwith, born at Girard, Crawford County, Kansas.

Schooling: Graduate Parsons High School 1940  
One-year student Parsons Junior College

To the above can be added his "schooling" in the business world, which prior to the war doubtless led to his particular assignment in his war service. September 1941 Charles began work for the Peter Kiewit Sons Construction Company, then constructing the shell loading plant at Parsons: August 1942 he was transferred to Tillamook, Oregon, with the same company there building a blimp base, and there continued as a junior accountant until his enlistment in the Marines.

War Service: Enlisted U. S. Marines February 1943  
"Boot" training, 9 weeks, Corps Base, San Diego, Calif.  
As Post Exchange Manager served first at  
Camp Joseph Pendleton, Calif: 1943/44  
Saipan Island, Second Marine Division, to September 1945  
With above division, Manager Post Exchange Warehouse for  
Occupation Forces in Japan at Nagasaki and Sasebo until  
July 1946  
Via Canal to Norfolk, Va, September 1946, to become  
Post Exchange Manager at Camp LeJeune, N. C.  
Discharged January 1947

Service Award: Good Conduct Medal

February 1947 Charles Sandwith rejoined the Peter Kiewit Sons Construction Company, then enlarging the Mutual Benefit Life, Health and Accident Insurance Company Building at Omaha, Nebraska, with a 9-story addition. May 1947, at Boys Town, Omaha, where his company was employed for a huge expansion program, his duties then were those of cost accountant. In November 1947 he was transferred to Riverdale, North Dakota, as purchasing agent for the construction of the Riverdale town-site - an office status he continued while his company was under contract with the U. S. Corps of Engineers to construct embankment and intake structures for the Garrison Dam Project. In North Dakota, Charles and Natalie resided at Underwood.... November 1951, Charles was promoted and transferred to Spokane, Washington.... August 1942, he was moved again to Portsmouth, Ohio, where his company is now under contract to erect the Government "billion dollar" Atomic Energy Plant.

Present work: Chief Expeditor, Procurement Department, for Peter Kiewit Sons Construction Company at Portsmouth, Ohio.

Residence: 2529 Argonne Street, Portsmouth, Ohio.

Mason: Member of the Washburn, North Dakota, Lodge.

Church: Second Presbyterian, Portsmouth.





One daughter:

13 Victoria Anne Sandwith, born October 22, 1950 at Bismarck, North Dakota.

{ This little daughter has the distinction of being the only member of the 13th generation of the Manning line, which a member of the 6th generation, the Reverend Nathaniel Manning, M.D., transplanted in Virginia in 1772.

10 Francis Madison Willis (Frank) was born at "Buena Vista," March 30, 1869; died at San Diego, Calif., June 17, 1941, a heart attack; his remains cremated and his ashes placed in a niche in the Cedar Hill Cemetery Columbarium near Washington.

At Buena Vista, Grandpa Manning's home near Charles Town, West Virginia, then at the Refuge and at Edgewood in Maryland, Frank passed his first years. When about six he fell from the upper porch at Edgewood, striking on his chin, an impact which pushed up and broke his jawbone joints. All surgical aid then available accomplished little. With only slight separation of teeth, limited eating never furnished sufficient nourishment for proper growth. With his shortened face, he was also undersize in weight and stature.... My mother said, "He was the nanliest little fellow I ever knew." Frank always possessed a quiet dignity, a composure seldom disturbed: kind, thoughtful; and the especial care of our mother. Between them there was always an unusual devotion.

My mother always puzzled over Frank's red hair, and why I never understood as her own brown hair had a reddish tinge. I believe his hair and his looks in general were inherited from the Craighills. As were Mama's, Frank's eyes were large and gray. A cousin, Frank Manning in Connecticut, likely inherited his "carrot red hair" from the same source. Evidently, Frank inherited the Manning quick-death tendency as in good health and spirits, he fell on the street in San Diego.

Even as a small boy he sought ways to earn money. My first recollection of his work was as a pressman for a local newspaper in 'Jaco. In 1894 Frank came to Washington, and under Civil Service from 1894-1933, worked in the Government Printing Office. At his retirement in 1933, was a head pressman.... Preferring night work, he devoted many daytime hours to walking over this city, and how well he knew Washington, D. C.! He tried a bicycle, tried an automobile; discarded both for walking. To walk to the top of Washington Monument was not unusual, a climb of over 900 steps. One real stretch was the forty-mile walk to Baltimore, there take a Turkish bath, and return by train.

From long years in Washington's damp chilly winters he developed a serious bronchial condition. After his retirement his doctor advised a warmer climate, and San Diego, California, was selected. Reading was one of Frank's Chief pleasures, especially the local papers.





To leave Washington meant to be deprived of watching this city's march and counter-march of events, truly a great sacrifice! Twice by plane he went to San Diego, and twice so returned to his beloved Washington; but the third time he seemed to take root and wrote of his better health, of his pleasure in the city's beautiful scenery.... On his third return trip, Frank stopped off to see our home in Austin, Texas. On recognizing a picture of old Edgewood, commented, "The most comfortable house I ever lived in." Then he asked me two questions, knowing I was the nosey family-lineage researcher.

"Was not Mama's family a better one than Papa's?" My "No" left him crestfallen, as he had so loved our mother, had little admiration for our difficult father.

"Is Fannie right in saying that you have found a 'Hugh'?"

"Yes, there was a Hugh Willis, an Oxford man, early 1600's, named as cousin in the will of our Willis progenitor in Virginia."

This made him smile, as he had named his second son "Hugh" trying to avoid any Willis name.

I wish I had amplified my answer to his first question, saying both Mama and Papa were well-born, and while as to sterling Christian Character, fine upright citizenship, I would give first place to the Mannings, but in authenticated blood relationships with outstanding, even famous people, the Willis family takes precedence.

That Frank with his physical handicap would ever marry seemed improbable, but he did.

Married: In Washington, April 11, 1898, Mary Theresa Lloyd, born in Washington, December 21, 1874; died in Washington, July 19, 1942; interred in the Mausoleum at Cedar Hill Cemetery, near Washington; the daughter of Samuel Lloyd, born in Loudon County, Virginia, and of Annie (Fitzgerald) Lloyd, born at Abbey Fail, County Cork, Ireland.

Schooling: Student Sacred Heart Academy, Southeast Washington.

Annie Fitzgerald of County Cork, Ireland, belonged to the Fitzgerald family which produced Lord Edward Fitzgerald (1763-1798), noted patriot and insurrectionist. He renounced his title and opposing all class distinctions, took up the cause of the common people. A price on his head by the English, his hiding place was betrayed by a Catholic barrister. In his capture he mortally wounded an English soldier and in turn received wounds from which he died in Newgate. Much has been written about his life.

Children: Lloyd Willis, died at seven months.  
Hugh Edward Willis





11 Hugh Edward Willis, born in Washington, March 26, 1904.

Schooling: Graduate McKinley High School, Washington  
Student, night classes, Richmond, Virginia:  
Mechanics Institute, and School of Business Administration of the University of Richmond.  
Student University of Virginia's Extension Classes  
at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va.

From his home in Petersburg, 35 miles south of Richmond, Hugh drove twice a week after daily work-hours and completed the following: Physics: General, Organic, and Qualitative Chemistry; Industrial Engineering; Management and Organization, Job Evaluation; General and Personnel Psychology.... At Camp Lee, he has completed another course in psychology and "Effective Speech," which he says has "paid off nicely" .... Hugh owned his own garage in Washington, but when the war caused a "shortage in parts" a change in work seemed necessary. February 23, 1942, he applied for work at Camp Lee, was accepted and began work there under Civil Service. From one type work to a better he has been promoted to instructing classes in "Heat, steam, and operation of mobile laundries." His classes include privates up to officers with rank of Lt. Colonel who have had considerable field experience.

Besides Hugh, so far as I know, only two other members of this Manning "clan," have displayed such ambition, such persistent effort to acquire knowledge. My "hat's off" to Cousin Edward Manning, Nephew Hugh Willis, and to the memory of my sister, Fannie Willis Pogue.

Church: Catholic

Residence: 1914 Oakland Street, Petersburg, Va.

Membership: President of Lodge 1178, American Federation of Government Employees, Fort Lee, Va. (165 members)

Married: East Rutherford, New Jersey, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, September 15, 1934, by the Reverend Leonard Walsh, O. F. M., Ruth Margaret Peters, born June 5, 1905, Union City, New Jersey; daughter of Harry L. Peters, born Elizabeth City, N. J., and of Marie L. (McDonald) Peters, born in New York City.

Schooling: Graduate High School, East Rutherford, N. J.  
Student Drakes Business College, Passaic, N. J.

Ruth, mentally alert, quick in movement and speech, complements Hugh, who is more deliberate in his thinking, speech, and movement. Recently, Ruth has resumed her former work as typist and stenographer, Civil Service status, and now with Hugh makes "daily pilgrimages" to Camp Lee and her work in the Post Hospital. In this she hopes to supplement Hugh's savings for the boys' college years. At one time, to this routine, they added "the pleasure" of a Thursday night class





in "first aid" - Ruth then planning to take on a Home Nursing course.

Children:

- 12 Hugh Warren Willis (Warren) born December 3, 1935
  - 12 Robert Edward Willis, born December 2, 1938
  - 12 Donald Gerald Willis, born May 23, 1941
- ...all three born in Washington, D. C.

Robert, formerly interested in rabbit pets, and, better, Boy Scout work, now devotes his out-of-school hours to delivering papers.

Donald emulates Robert's desire to earn money by picking up odd jobs and keeping the home yard tidy. Both study at St. Joseph's School, and both take on inside jobs to help their busy mother.

Warren was a June 1952 graduate at St. Joseph's High School in Petersburg. Especially studious and a devout Catholic, he has embarked on a nine-year study course for the priesthood, as follows:

- 1952-53....Student St. Charles College, Catonsville, Md.
- 1953-55....Student at above college
- 1955-57....Student St. Mary's College, Packet Street, Baltimore
- 1957-61....Student St. Mary's College, Rollins Park, Baltimore

- 10 Elizabeth Craighill Willis (Bessie) was born December 21, 1870, at the Refuge, home of Grandpa Willis, in Howard County, Maryland; died August 14, 1910, Waco, Texas, from typhoid fever; interred Waco, in Oakwood Cemetery.

Schooling: County schools in Maryland and Texas  
Finished 10th grade Waco High School

Bessie's last illness was considered a mild attack; her death came as a complete surprise. She never had regular health habits, but in height and weight was good. A very definite Manning in looks, with the slight hump in a very nice nose; her ears the smallest yet the keenest; very small hands but very skillful ones as to cooking. Not interested in finishing high school, she became the very much needed home-assistant for our mother. These two were very close in companionship, the more so when we younger three sisters were "out" making our living. Bessie was a "natural" cook, had unerring instinct for the amounts and mixing of ingredients, and such a cook is truly an artist.

In time Bessie became a money-earner also, having persuaded our mother to join her in keeping boarders - a move which necessitated renting our home and finding a larger house. She was a great success with her table, but not in meeting her bills! I have a diary Mama kept during one year of the boarders-period, and in it she "groans" under the work and responsibility; but I recall conversation contacts with nice men, especially college teachers and students.

Bessie was very timid when dark came, while I was the lucky daring member of the family. If she wished to go somewhere in the neigh-





borhood after dark, I was called on to go with her, and then about ten to go for her. One of my childhood pleasures was climbing high aloft in the tall Cottonwood trees, swaying delightfully in the breeze, and if she knew Bessie would plead frantically for me to come down. How often I annoyed her, and just so often she forgave.

- 10 Mary Evelyn Willis (Eva) was born at the Refuge, December 5, 1872; died from cerebral hemorrhage, September 20, 1905, Waco, Texas; interred in Oakwood Cemetery, Waco.

Schooling: County schools in Maryland and Texas  
Graduate Waco High School 1891  
Art Student Baylor University, Waco

Eva taught briefly in county schools; then in Waco city schools. An excellent teacher, discipline was easy for her. For her school duties she was always on time, but for nothing else; late for meals, keeping her sisters and friends waiting, she reached her peak the summer she was coming to Washington to visit Frank. "Katy" Smith was the M. K. & T. ticket agent, knew Eva well from her regular summer trips; knew she was catching the train that afternoon, and she did because Katy Smith held the train for her quite a few minutes, the M. K. & T. fast passenger train called "The Flyer." After that why ever hurry her!

Eva was the family beauty: clear ivory skin, almost black heavy hair, eyes definitely green; nice features and figure. Apt in speech, she had many friends... One of Bessie's boarders, a Dallas young man but not young for his college years, was dawdling along in Baylor University as his "cattle king" father had decreed he should have a college degree. Alex became a sort of protege of Eva's. She prodded, pushed, coached him in his studies at night. A love affair inevitably ripened in spite of the difference in years. Alex did take his degree June 1905, and left to become established in business in Dallas. Teaching by day, coaching Alex at night, attending china-painting classes at Baylor twice a week, had proved too much for Eva's strength. That summer she was up then down with fever, and when fall came we put her in the local sanitarium, where she had a cerebral hemorrhage and lived but three days.

Sidelight on Eva and Louise: Eva inherited the Willis teasing trait to which she often added a sarcastic tone, thus leaving a doubling sting. I was her particular target. Perhaps when she had to push me about the yard in Maryland she looked into my guileless baby eyes and took my dispositional latitude and longitude, as she surely knew how to raise a squall. At times she was very kind: add a touch to my dress, rearrange my hair; once gave me a pair of nice shoes; I then a Freshman, but wanted to tell me when to wear them! Her greatest help came when I encountered that "all straight angles are equal" in Plane Geometry as it had given her trouble also. Sensing my perplexity, as to me all angles were points of some kind, she painstakingly explained angles, lines, degrees, and thereafter Plane Geometry was a favorite study. I was a very "cocky" child of nine or ten, boasted I could outrun, outfight, outclimb any of my sisters, well knowing my mother's backing if trouble arose. To make good grades at school was easy, but in the 8th





grade I really awoke to interest in study, liked my teachers. Vacation came and I announced I was going to read Shakespeare! Taking a volume, I found a shady spot in the orchard behind the chicken house. Usually a loud call from the kitchen door summoned me to dinner, but once Iva appeared in person, bowed mockingly: "I am sent to announce to our swift-footed, Samsonian, Shakespearean sister, our pugnacious, pugilistic, pusillanimous sister that dinner is ready." [Truly, what with three sisters banded together with mutual interests, I came up the hard, and lonesome way!] Joke!

- 10 Fannie Beale Willis (Frances) was born March 6, 1875, at Edgewood, Howard County, Maryland: died August 26, 1949, from a stroke at Arlington, Texas; interred in Oakwood Cemetery, Waco.

Schooling: Kindergarten in Maryland  
County Schools in Texas  
Graduate Waco High School, 1891  
Student in Expression, then called "elocution"  
B. A. degree, Baylor University, Waco, 1920  
Bachelor of Shorthand Science, Business College at Bowling Green, Ky.  
M. A. degree, 1928, University of Colorado  
Voted member Kappa Delta Pi.

Graduating from high school three months after her 16th birthday, Fannie began teaching, grades in Waco schools, fall of 1891, and with a few years off duty, taught until 1940. Evidently kindergarten gave her a good start as by the 8th grade she overtook both Bessie and Iva, and from then on the "three Willis girls" were in the same grade until Bessie stopped school.

Fannie taught during her married life, kept house, developed a garden, gave long Sunday hours on her Shakespear Club assignment in which she delighted. After Mr. Pogue's death she took more active part as member in the D. A. R. and U. D. C.; began correspondence courses with the University of Chicago, took summer courses at Baylor University, and in 1919-20 completed the required year of residence study for her B. A. degree. After her study at Bowling Green she changed her teaching subjects, English and History to shorthand and typing, as students in the second two were much more serious minded. Her three summers at Boulder were most pleasant in study, scenery, mountain trips and especially Colorado's coolness. A summer teacher at Boulder, Professor L. E. Jones of Northwestern wrote: "I was on the examining board for her degree, participated in her examination. I feel justified in stating it was one of the most brilliant examinations I have ever witnessed, both in Major (Education) and Minor (English) subjects." He were living together again in 1919-20 when she was a Senior at Baylor. Then in her 45th year, her past enriched with much experience, she almost absorbed her subjects, so enjoyed their beauty and worthwhileness rarely appreciated by young students. That year she sold her home as she did not plan to return to Waco.





Her teaching experience: Waco grades; El Paso High School; South Park High, near Beaumont; Beaumont High; two years in the Philippine Islands at Lingayen (Where MacArthur came back!), again Beaumont High school; State Teachers College at Fredericksburg, Va., and finally as high school substitute in Washington City, and no type teaching can be more difficult, requires more versatile preparation than this last. Here her health failed and she came to live with me in Austin, Texas.

Married: Waco, October 4, 1897, at the Methodist Parsonage, David Winter Pogue, born in Alabama; died in Waco 1912; interred in Oakwood Cemetery

Her family never felt any satisfaction in this marriage. Only son of a widowed mother, the adored brother of six sisters, David Pogue always seemed to regard women as chattel property. Nice looking a contagious smile, his friends among the best young men in Waco; employee in the local post office. At Fannie's persistent urging and with her financial help he consented to build a very attractive home not far from Baylor University. Bessie and I lived in this home also. His death resulted from inflammatory rheumatism and a bad heart. At his funeral service, dressed in white, white veil as well, I thought I sat in proper decorum, but a close friend told me afterward that my face so beamed she feared others noticed. This I did not doubt, as I was not grieving, felt a strange peace at heart over my fine sister's freedom from 15 years of a disappointing married life, borne so uncomplainingly. This teasing friend never removed this always embarrassing memory until the summer of 1949 when she admitted she had been joking.

More a Willis in looks than any of us, from some ancestor or ancestors Fannie inherited a driving determination. However difficult the task, even if self-assigned, she finished it. With much reserve strength, excellent general health, she always had high blood pressure but with none of the attendant symptoms. Like both our parents, she read widely, retained well. Her study, teaching, travel experience, personal contacts, enriched her conversation. Her voice clear and pleasant, she delighted in telling jokes and stories. She liked people, was a social favorite. After her death I distributed unused subscriptions of twelve magazines.

War Service: Twice she came to Washington for office work

World War I: From El Paso, 1917-18, War Department, Supervisor over a large number of younger women

World War II: From Austin, 1942-43, War Department, office work

Her first experience was very pleasant, and for the benefit of our Connecticut cousins I relay her comment, that of all the different voices of girls under her, those from Connecticut were the most pleasant.

Her second War Department office experience was far from pleas-





ant and she did not finish the year. As our home in Austin was sold when she came to Washington, she returned to Texas to enter the Eastern Star Home at Arlington, having joined the Eastern Star in Beaumont on our brother's Masonic membership.

At the O. E. S. Home she was soon rated the best informed, the best talker, and became a general favorite. Her last acts were kind ones. In her last letter to me she mentioned her efforts to secure a fan for a member whose room was intolerably warm but for whom the Management would do nothing. I was there when the fan came. She always liked to bring blooming things inside, liked to keep vases filled on the dining room tables. That summer day, June 19, roses blooming all about but could not be cut, she went about hunting blooming wild flowers. These she was arranging in the vases when a stroke came. Fannie had no children.

10 Louise Edrington Willis was born October 6, 1877 at Edgewood in Howard County, Maryland.

Schooling: Graduate Waco High School, June 1894  
Piano lessons, three years, Baylor University, Waco  
B. A. degree, 1897, Baylor University  
Half-year student Toby's Business College, Waco  
M. A. degree, 1920, Baylor (Major in Spanish)  
Language School student, Peking, China, 1921-22

So many incidents involving me have "infiltrated" the sketches of my family, they may picture me as the family "brat"... About 1885/6 my brothers bought my mother a home, a cottage with an acre surrounding it, on the outskirts of Waco. There I passed a happy childhood, as truly a "tomboy" as any girl ever was. No inside duties left for me, I became the outside choreboy: ran errands and gladly; kept the wood-boxes filled, split much of the kindling wood; learned to work in the garden; picked fruit and vegetables for preserving and cooking.

One of my playmates during the above period became later a teacher in Columbia University, teacher of English and a writer. Dr. Dorothy Scarborough was the first or one of the first women in this country to receive the Ph. D. degree. Dottie and I would climb a favorite tree, find comfortable niches, and read back issues of the Youth's Companion which came to my home. The last time I saw her she referred to this past time.

A serious attack of typhoid fever cost me the valedictory honor at High School, more my mother's grief than mine. Piano lessons were wasted on me, but lessons in art might have resulted well. My M. A. degree, worked off during long years in the Baylor Business Office, was conferred in absentia, as I was then on my way to China. Planning on a year of much needed change, this one lengthened into seven years, which called for a year on language study in Peking. This was the pleasantest year of my life, and my walks on the Great Wall my most thrilling sight-seeing experiences. I was a teacher of English in three Mission schools, and liked this teaching very much. China even enriched me with a "family,"





as one of my Shanghai pupils named her two children for me, taught them to call and write me as "Grandma Willis." My return from China completed my "round the world" travel.

My working experiences sound like those of a tramp-printer:

- 1897.....Three months teaching in a county school
- 1898-1900...Teaching in the grades, Parsons City Schools, Kansas
- 1900-01.....Brief try as a stenographer
- 1901-02.....High School teacher, McGregor, Texas
- 1902-1920...Cashier and Assistant Registrar, Baylor University
- 1920-1927...Years in China
- 1928-1932...Secretary of student association and editor of the Baylor Monthly (most pleasant work which ended with the 1932 Depression peak)
- 1933-1943...In Austin, Texas:
  - 1..State Department of Education
  - 2..Research, University of Texas, Texas Centennial Year
  - 3..Texas State Teachers Retirement System
- 1944-46.....War Emergency Employee, Accounting Division, Red Cross National Headquarters

At Parsons, Kansas: Ward schools had separate rooms for Negro children with some odd ones scattered among the white grades. I had two negro children in my room and most unexpectedly did not mind this at all. I wanted my mother, then visiting in Parsons, to hear the room of negro children sing - their young voices naturally carrying the four parts! It was a delightful half hour and as we left I told Mr. Crow how much my mother enjoyed his music. He was very pleased and my mother in her turn thanked "Professor" Crow!

At McGregor, Texas: My mother and sisters favored teaching for me, while I wanted office work. At McGregor my teaching load included high school English, Science, Latin - far too much, but my hard-to-find lodging accommodations won out for me: a cot in a hallway, early dressing before dining room sideboard mirror. This was too much and at mid-year Eva urged me to come home to apply for the vacancy in the Baylor Business Office. During my 22½ years at Baylor I harvested a group of fine Baptist friends - the very salt of the earth. To them I owe much.

Thanks due: Any woman alone in the business world encounters difficulties, will need both advice and help. Naturally she will appeal to some mature man of influence. All who have befriended me have been without exception men with unmarried or widowed sisters. Just one of these kind men remains, Dr. Frederick Eby of the University of Texas. He and his wife, dear Bessie Eby, have welcomed me many times to their home.

As was Grandpa Manning, so have I been deceived, twice, by the affectionate fair promises, rosy prospects held out, by friends, and by these taken far afield. There can be no doubt that the overruling of the "Special Providence" saved me.





## Memberships:

Several years in the Baylor Round-Table (faculty wives and staff members)

Two cultural groups for brief periods

1934.....Huguenot Society of Penn.; now of the Washington Chapter

1947.....Daughters of the American Revolution; Mary Washington Chapter

1950.....Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America

1951.....United Daughters of the Confederacy; Stonewall Jackson Chapter

1952.....National Society Magna Charta Dames

It is not easy to be the "last leaf on the family tree." There seems no finish to the loose ends to be tied down. My nearest of kin are three nephews: Addison, Nat, Hugh Willis; two nieces, Marie and Lucile Willis.

## Family Church Affiliations:

Presbyterian: My father was reared by a strict Presbyterian mother, but his father remained an Episcopalian. In Texas Papa came under the influence of an agnostic, an ex-Methodist minister.

Episcopal: My mother a most devout member. Took each of her Maryland born daughters to Old Zion Church, Charles Town, to be "baptized." Had the old fashioned habit of kneeling by her bed in prayer at night, and one Sunday night soon thereafter she left us. Manning and Frank adhered to the family church, but Frank had to become a nominal Catholic when he married.

Episcopal: Eva always, staunchly, proudly.

Christian: Both Bessie and Fannie came under the influence of a very lovable teacher in the grades, who was anxious to build up her Sunday School class. To lead them into her church was the next step. Bessie so remained, but in her last years Fannie would say "I am an Episcopalian."

## Episcopal-Baptist:

During my Baylor years and later, a very possessive friend aided by her lawyer-father, proselyted me into the Baptist Church, and there I remained for most of my adult life. Family church allegiance frequently stirred within me, called me to return, but wherever I lived in Texas there were my good Baptist friends, and to make the change seemed disloyal to them. When I told Dr. Frank Page, the Rector of St. Paul's in Waco, that I was going into the Baptist Church, he finished his indignant remarks with: "Well, young lady, you may join the Baptist Church or any religious organization, but you will always be an Episcopalian. You were baptized, were confirmed in this Church, you belong to a long line

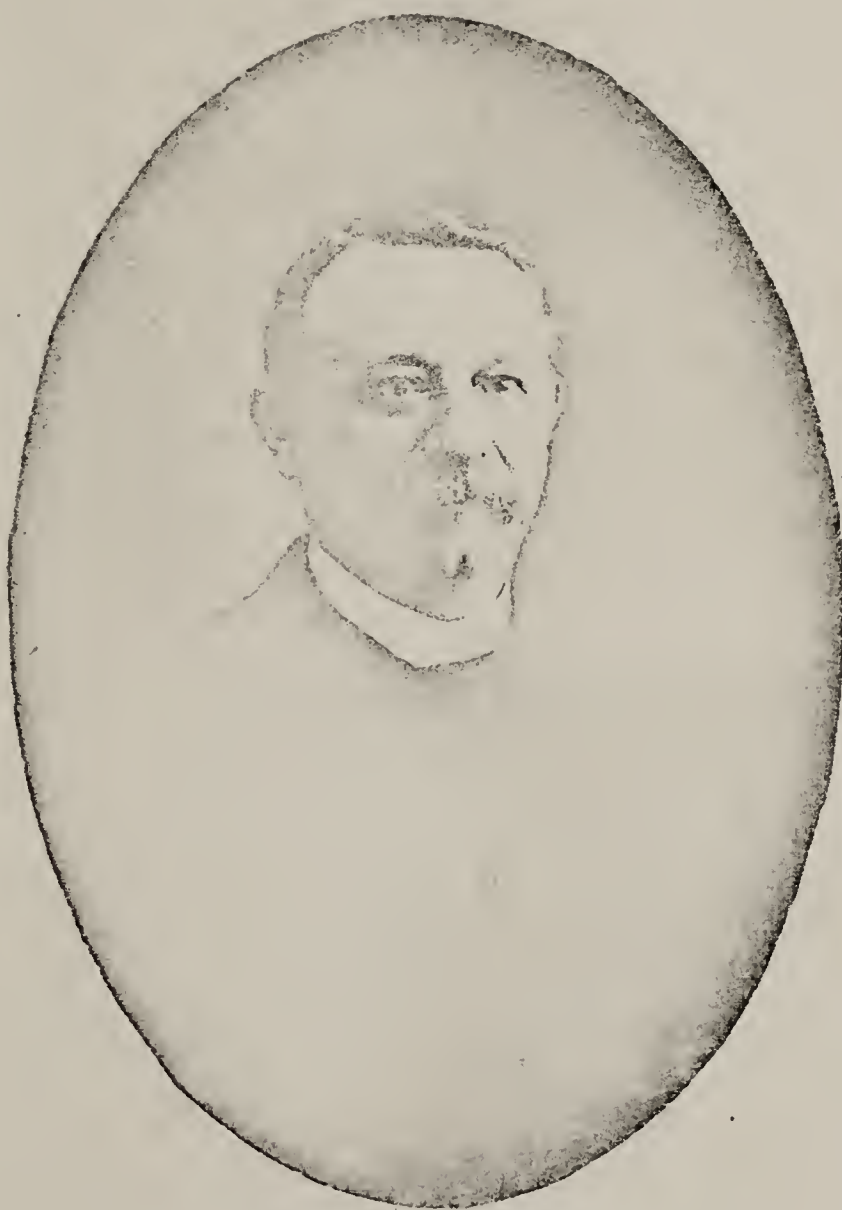


of Episcopalians, and you will always be one!" Remembering this all during my Baptist years, how easy it made my return to the family Church. I was always an "Episcopalian-Baptist!" I belong now to All Saints Episcopal Church, Chevy Chase Circle.

Manning was buried by the Episcopal Rector in Parsons, Kansas. My mother, Lva, Bessie, Dave Pogue, and Fannie were buried by the Rector of St. Pauls in Waco, who read over them that beautiful Prayer Book ritual, which makes no distinction between rich and poor, high and low, prince and pauper. This will be done for me also; my ashes to be buried at the foot of my mother's grave, Oakwood Cemetery, Waco.







William Price Manning  
1844-1901





## UNCLE BILLY MANNING

- 9 William Price Manning, eldest son of Nathaniel William and Martha Price (Craighill) Manning, was born December 8, 1844 "at Duffields" ... As Duffields was a small post office near the Darke home, it is reasonable to conclude that William Price Manning was born in the Darke home, as his <sup>grand-</sup>mother, heir and only daughter of General William Darke, had died there in 1843. Dr. Manning died in Washington, D. C., February 9, 1901, and was buried in the local Rock Creek Cemetery.

In September 1900, Dr. Manning had a stroke attended with slight paralysis from which he recovered. The following February, an attack of pneumonia was followed by a second stroke which hastened his death. The day he died he was well enough to write a prescription. Aunt Louise, who was in constant attendance at his bedside, left him for a few minutes, then returning found him gone. Dr. Manning had a large practice in Washington, his residence address: 1511 Rhode Island Avenue, N. W.

Schooling: Pre-college years in local schools, or with local teachers; probably at old Charles Town Academy established in 1795. College courses at the University of Maryland, March 30, 1869, degree of Doctor of Medicine at the Medical College of the University of Maryland.

First practicing in Shepherdstown, W. Va., he came to Washington in 1882.

Married: July 19, 1877, at Hagood, S. C., the Reverend Lucas of the Statesburg Episcopal Church officiating, to Sarah Louise Saunders, born October 20, 1859, at Hagood, S. C.; daughter of Dr. Swepson Harrison Saunders, born at Oakland Plantation, Sumter County, S. C., September 10, 1826; and of Harriet Rebecca (McCall) Saunders, born in Darlington County, S. C., December 18, 1833.

The following romantic touch was contributed by Aunt Lucy Manning Berry: while practicing in Shepherdstown, young Dr. Manning courted a teacher in Shepherds Academy. On one occasion, the teacher, not ready to receive her caller, asked a student to entertain him while she finished dressing. Evidently the student, young Louise Saunders of South Carolina, charmed as well as entertained, as thereafter young Dr. Manning courted the student!

War Service: One of the many young men of Charles Town, Va., Billy Manning, age 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ , enlisted April 1861, in Company G, 2nd Virginia Regiment, his company called "Bott's Grays." As one of Jackson's "Stonewall," he was twice wounded at the First Battle of Manassas, in the leg and through the breast. Later young Manning belonged to Rosser's Laurel Brigade of the 12th Virginia Cavalry, commanded by Robert Baylor and his son George.





Because of their historic import, their record of courage, grief, and patriotism, the following documents, in possession of Billy Manning's son, are quoted in full:

Headquarters Army Northern Virginia  
April 12, 1865

Veterans of the "Old Dominion:"

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Ordered by the Secretary of War to assume command of and organize you with view of moving upon the enemies of our country, I hereby call upon you in the name of Liberty, Honor, and all that is dear in life, to shoulder your muskets and return to the field to meet the arrogant invader, who has insulted you, robbed you, murdered your dearest friends and relatives, outraged your fair woman, despoiled your homes, and dishonored all that is most dear and sacred. I will lead you against them, and will never abandon or surrender you, until the purple current ceases to flow from my heart, or until you are a free, independent and happy people! If we are true to ourselves and honor, we can never abandon a cause we have so nobly sustained for the last four years, and for which we have made the heaviest sacrifices of blood and property; and above all, as true men, we can never "kiss the rod that smites us," or bend the knee to our bitterest foe. Rise like men and come to me, and I will let you know the plans and purposes of our Government, which prudence forbids me to mention now, but which every true and brave heart in Virginia will approve and sustain.

Commanders of Companies and Regiments will assemble their commands, and rendezvous at Charlottesville, Staunton, or Lynchburg, without delay, where a point of general rendezvous will be ascertained.

Thomas L. Rosser  
Lieut. Gen'l. Comd'g.

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HD QR. Dearing's Old Brigade  
May 2, 1865

Soldiers of  
Dearing's Old Brigade-

In absence of all orders from the Major General, Commanding: I deem it a duty I owe to you to declare the Brigade disbanded; and the members thereof at liberty to pursue what course their judgment may dictate as right and honorable. Under existing circumstances, your social conditions so varied, I cannot venture to advise you. But believe me, whatever you do, or wherever you may go, you bear with you the highest respect and confidence of him who has had the honor to command the gallant men of Ashby's Old Brigade. Allow me to thank you for the cheerful obedience you gave to my orders, and for the gallant achievements you won while under my command...Soldiers, you have done your duty, and did it to the last. May God Bless you... Farewell.

E. V. White, Lt. Col, Comdg. Brig.

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Charles Town, May 5, 1865  
W. P. Manning, Prvt.  
of Company "B," 12th Va. Cavalry,  
C. S. Army

Do hereby do give this my parole of Honor, that I will not take up arms against the United States Government until I am regularly exchanged, and that if I am permitted to remain at home, I will conduct myself as a good and peaceful citizen, and will respect the laws in force where I reside, and will do nothing to the detriment of, or in opposition to the United States Government.

Signed: Wm. P. Manning

Description:

Age...21

Height...5 ft. 7 inches

Complexion...light

Hair....dark

Sworn to and subscribed to before me  
this 5th day of May, 1865

Henry D. Wilder, Major 5th Arty, U. S. A.  
Comdg. Est.

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Mrs. William Price Manning was affectionately known as "Aunt Louise" not only by her namesake (Louise Willis), but by all the nieces and nephews who knew or knew of her. Born at Hagood, S. C., October 20, 1859; died in St. Vincent's Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida, April 16, 1947; buried by the side of her husband in Rock Creek Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

"Aunt Louise" as her daughter-in-law, Evelyn Lewis Manning, recalls:

"She moved from Washington, D. C., shortly after Dr. Manning's death; bought on Fort George Island, built a home and loved it there. This she had to leave during the war because of gas rationing, five gallons needed for the trip. Thereafter her home was with her daughter, Marie Adair, in the city. She was a devoted mother, capable home manager, adept with hands not only with sewing and cooking but with handling tools; was remarkable in home planning and remodeling. She had strong likes and dislikes which she kept to herself.

"Mother Manning was a rather retiring person, made few friends as she was really not interested in many people. Was always charming and gracious in her home, lovely to our younger friends, Billy's, Marie's, and mine; and to our children's friends. She gave delightful oyster roasts and barbecues for our crowds at her Island home.

"Not a regular church attendant, she gave regularly to the Episcopal Chapel on the Island.... Just a few people own property on Fort George Island, as the State has a bird sanctuary there and takes up





most of the land."

Children:

William Saunders Manning  
Marie Craighill Manning

10 William Saunders Manning was born at Shepherdstown, W. Va.,  
May 31, 1880.

Schooling: Graduate of Columbian College (now known as George  
Washington University), D. C., 1899  
Student Albert Ludwig University, 1902, Freiburg,  
Germany  
Graduate Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine,  
M. D., 1903  
Postgraduate student, 1906-07, University of Maryland,  
Presbyterian Hospital.

Widely known as "Dr. Billy Manning," as was his father, William  
Saunders Manning is the third generation doctor in the Manning line since  
Nathaniel Manning, minister and physician, came to Virginia in 1772.  
To this Manning bent for the practice of medicine was his additional  
inheritance from his maternal grandfather, Dr. Swepson Harrison  
Saunders, who graduated as Doctor of Medicine from the Medical College  
of Philadelphia, July 15, 1847.

Title and Specialty:

Physician and Surgeon with practice limited to Ophthal-  
mology and Otolaryngology

Professional address: 404-5 Exchange Building, 218 West Adams Street,  
Jacksonville, Florida

Residence: 1849 Mallory, Jacksonville.

His career as physician and consultant embraces:

St. Luke's Hospital, Chief 1910-1917; 1934-1942;  
also President of Staff; Secretary and Consultant since  
1942.

For various periods, associate and consultant at St. Vincent's  
Hospital  
Duval Medical Center  
Riverside Hospital

Consultant for:

United States Public Health Service since 1921 to present  
United Veterans Administration since 1921

Division Ophthalmologist and Otolaryngologist for  
Seaboard Airline Railroad since 1908  
Florida Eastcoast Railroad since 1920  
The Pullman Company since 1930



Member of the following Medical Associations

Duval County Medical Society (President 1912-1941)  
Florida Medical Association (District Councillor, 1936)  
Southern Medical Association  
American Medical Association  
Florida Railway Surgeons Association  
Fellow, American College of Surgeons  
Southeastern Surgical Congress  
Gorgas Memorial Institute  
Seaboard Airline Railway Surgeons Association  
East Coast Medical Association

Clubs and Societies:

Timquana Country Club - (founder member)  
Florida Yacht Club (life member)  
Seminole Club  
Army and Navy Club  
Johns Hopkins Alumni Association  
George Washington University Alumni Association  
Theta Delta Chi Fraternity  
Florida Historical Society  
Huguenot Society  
Reserve Officers Association  
Society of the Sons of the Cincinnati

Military Service:

Served in World Wars I and II (volunteered) as medical officer  
Captain, Army Medical Corps, General Hospital #6, Fort McPherson, Georgia, 1918-1919  
Promoted to Major, Officers Reserve Corps, January 1925  
Promoted to Lt. Colonel, Medical Reserve, February 19, 1931  
Returned to active service with Army Medical Corps, October 1940  
as Instructor of Medical Officers, 2nd Military Headquarters, Jacksonville, Florida.  
Transferred February 1942 to Aviation Cadet Board at Memphis, Tenn.  
Transferred May 1943 to Station Hospital, Camp Davis, N. C.,  
as Chief of the Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Department until retirement from service in 1944, having reached the statutory age limit.

Dr. Manning holds the rank of Colonel, Army of the United States,  
Retired.

Dr. Manning was President of the Reserve Officers Association, Jacksonville Chapter for two consecutive years, 1936-37, 1937-38, the only man in the history of the Chapter to hold this office for two terms.  
Surgeon, Florida Department, Reserve Officers Association, 1935-42.

Class Reunion: Billy Manning was one of eight surviving members of his Class 1899, Columbia University, now George Washington,





who met with the other seven for a reunion in Washington, October 4, 1951.

Married: In Tallahassee, November 15, 1906, by the Reverend W. H. Carter to Evelyn Cameron Lewis born in Tallahassee, April 13, 1882, the daughter of George Lewis, born in Tallahassee, August 27, 1848, and Elizabeth Brown (Douglas) Lewis, born in Tallahassee, February 22, 1849.

Through her mother's family Evelyn is a great granddaughter of Thomas Brown, Governor of Florida 1849-53. Governor Brown's interesting Memoirs include account of his years in the home of the Honorable Robert Rutherford after his retirement from public service, then living at "Flowing Springs" near Charles Town, Va. Previous to his years at Flowing Springs, Robert Rutherford lived in Winchester, and from his home there his stepdaughter, Margaret Howe married William Little in 1773. Through the marriage of her granddaughter, Martha Price Craighill, to Nathaniel Manning, Margaret Howe became the ancestress of all the Manning descendants on from this marriage, herein named.

Young Billy Manning met Evelyn Lewis of Florida in 1899, in the home of a mutual cousin, General W. P. Craighill of Charles Town, W. Va.

Schooling: Graduate, A. B. degree, 1900, Florida State Seminary, known as Florida State College

Student, 1900-01, Gunston Hall, Washington, D. C.

P { Evelyn Manning's interest and work in church, social and welfare organizations have been outstanding:  
Past President of the Jessamin Club  
Past President of the Jacksonville Garden Club

Member of the following historical societies:

Florida Historical

Florida State Historical

Jacksonville Historical

Tallahassee Historical

Historical Society of South Florida

Member of the Daniel Memorial Home for Children for over 25 years  
( - "and time to get off" 1951)

Past President and Honorary President since 1939 of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America in Florida

Member of the Board of Regents of Gunston Hall (property of the Colonial Dames) - completing her 20th year in 1952.

World War II: Travelers' Aid, Troops in Transit Lounge and Huts at Camp Blanding; Red Cross knitting.





Children:

Elizabeth Douglas Manning  
Mary Lewis Manning

11 Elizabeth Douglas Manning (Betty) was born April 27, 1914,  
at 1321 Laura Street, Jacksonville.

Schooling: Graduate Jacksonville Robert F. Lee High School  
Graduate with B. S. degree in Home Economics, Florida  
Florida State College for Women, Tallahassee  
Member Chi Omega Sorority

President of "Little Women" of the Woman's Club, Jacksonville  
Member National Society of Colonial Dames of America in California  
Member Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania

Married, 1st: October 30, 1937, in St. John's Episcopal Church,  
Jacksonville, by Dr. Newton Middleton, to  
Joel Tucker Turnbull of Wilmington, Delaware.  
Joel Turnbull died September 1943

Married, 2nd: September 16, 1944, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church,  
Jacksonville, by Dr. Douglas Leatherbury and  
Bishop Julian, to  
Philip Spaulding Dalton, born December 25, 1907,  
Boston, Massachusetts, the son of  
Philip Spaulding and Susan (Howe) Dalton, both of  
Boston.

Schooling: Graduate of Milton Academy, Milton, Mass., June 1926  
Special Student Phillips Exeter Academy, June 1927  
Graduate Harvard College, D. A., June 1931  
Clubs: Delphic and Hasty Pudding

War service: Lieutenant (j.g.) U. S. Navy  
Two years in the Pacific on the U. S. S. "Saratoga" -  
Aircraft Carrier  
Lt. Commander, Naval Air Base, Jacksonville, Florida  
Commander, U. S. N. R., Inactive

Awards: Atlantic and Pacific Area Awards  
Seven Battle Stars

Present work: Banking, Anglo-California National Bank, San Francisco

Residence: 3633 Clay Street, San Francisco

Church: Episcopal

One child:

12 Elizabeth Dalton Manning, born August 12, 1946, San Francisco,  
California.



11 Mary Lewis Manning, born September 23, 1917, at 1321 Laura Street, Jacksonville.

Schooling: Graduate Jacksonville Robert E. Lee High School  
Graduate, A. B. degree, Florida State College for Women  
Member Chi Omega Sorority

Member National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in Florida  
Member Huguenot Society in Pennsylvania

Married: September 11, 1941, at St. John's Episcopal Church, Jacksonville, by the Reverend Newton Middleton, to  
William Merlin Bliss, the son of  
Merlin Arza Bliss, born 1870, Salamanca, N. Y., and  
of Bessie Cowan (Thomas) Bliss, born 1867, Warren, Pa.

Schooling: Graduate Deerfield Academy, Deerfield, Mass.  
Graduate University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.  
Graduate Business Administration, Harvard College

Member Phi Gamma Delta  
Member PHI BETA KAPPA

War Service: Lieutenant (J. G.), and Lt. Commander, U. S. Navy  
Commander, 1952

During the war was stationed in the Pentagon with  
Naval Intelligence Service, with residence in  
Arlington, Va.

September 1952, moved with family to Puerto Rico,  
where as Commander will be Naval Intelligence  
Officer for the Caribbean Sea Area, for the next  
two years.

→ 1953 - 4500 - 19<sup>th</sup> Road. North, Arlington, Va.  
In 1954, as now planned, he will return to the pentagon.

For 1952-54 addressed in care of:

Box-F, Navy No. 116, Fleet Post Office, N. Y., N. Y.

Children:

- 12 William Merlin Bliss, Jr., born October 4, 1942, in Riverside Hospital, Jacksonville
- 12 Lewis Craighill Bliss, born December 26, 1944, in Riverside Hospital, Jacksonville
- 12 Mary Lewis Bliss, Jr., born December 29, 1950, in Columbia Hospital, Washington, D. C.
- 12 Thomas Manning Bliss, born March 16, 1952, in Columbia Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Evelyn writes under date of February 24: "A business letter from Bill (Commander Bliss) last week states 'all are well, fat and saucy' ... They love Puerto Rico and having a very gay time. Tommy grows rapidly and is a very good baby. 'Lita' is a very merry and mischievous young lady, and very jealous of Tommy..... The boys like their school and





their new friends."

Comment: It was my pleasure to be a guest in the Bliss home in Arlington and there I met a very charming housewife in Mary Lewis and most cordial host in Bill Bliss. In 1940, Mary Lewis with an aunt took an air cruise over the Caribbean Area visiting Haiti, Puerto Rico (10 days), Jamaica, Columbia, with 5 days in Bogata, Panama; finishing with a brief stop in Cuba, as both had been there on previous occasions. Of this air cruise Mary Lewis writes at some length, her account later printed. Her descriptive English of points interesting make this pamphlet very entertaining.

No longer for me is 1849 Mallory, Jacksonville, a mere letter address, as there in May 1952 I enjoyed the hospitality of this beautiful home, a home in which objects and ornaments of good taste, where family relics and portraits vivify the personalities of Billy and Evelyn Manning.

Billy Manning: Long years in practice of his special skills have stamped him with a cautious professional manner. Laying aside his lucrative surgery practice when he became seventy, he now devotes his days to office practice. His longer hours at home permit the needed relaxation, for reading, and for enjoyment, almost year round, of his front porch with its lovely view of the St. Johns River, to which his wide ~~back~~ lawn leads down. He indulges in rounds of golf, time and weather permitting. One small home chore is not neglected, putting out food for his birds. In looks Billy resembles his father in size and coloring, carrying on the cleft chin of his own father and of his Grandfather Manning. He shares his wife's interest in family lore, with which he is much more conversant than most men.

Evelyn Lewis Manning: Our correspondence, our common interest in ancestry, had made us letter-friends years ago; and more recently, her annual appearances in Washington, as member of the Board of Regents for Gunston Hall, have afforded personal contacts and opportunity for friendship to ripen. In her home she is the most efficient one-man team I have ever met. Work and responsibility seem easy for her; and in her car she is equally at home, alert to all traffic signals and road stretches permitting speed. Pride in her own ancestry, she takes a forward look in cherishing this pride in behalf of her two happily married daughters and her five grandchildren. Lovely portraits of her daughters over mantels emphasize the long living room, dining room expanse. Mary Lewis looks down smilingly on the dining room table, while Betty commands the mantel prominence in the living room.

Marie Manning Adair is small, vivacious, truly sparkles as did my mother when talking and responding to people she liked or on pleasing occasions. Marie imagines herself in looks growing more and more like Grandma Manning, who in the pictures we have of her did not sparkle but looked very solemn. Her home, her busy lawyer husband, her three daughters, two married, four grandchildren, fill her mind and heart. While disclaiming any talent, her daughter, Louise Butts, mentions her





talent for lovely flower arrangements, a talent stressed, a remunerative one for teachers of it these days. Marie and Evelyn argue spiritedly, but pleasantly with all, both talking so fast their sentences overlap.

Henry (Hal) Porterfield Adair's record speaks for him. My opportunity to meet Mr. Adair was brief, but that he gave me that much of his valuable time I considered a compliment. A long distance call and he is off for New York or for other distant places - plane strides he regards as a matter of course, and just such a call prevented his presence at the head of the table on occasion of the delightful dinner I enjoyed in his home.

10 Marie Craighill Manning was born November 1, 1884, in Washington, D. C.

Schooling: A student in Miss Stuart's School and also at Gunston Hall, both in Washington.

Married: June 1, 1910, in the Episcopal Chapel on Fort George Island to Henry Porterfield Adair, born at Red Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, the son of Lewis Cass Adair, born at Red Sulphur Springs, and of Sydney Taylor Adair, born in Richmond, Virginia.

*H.P. Adair died May 9, 1955, Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore. {Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Jacksonville}*  
Schooling: Student at William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va., not finishing on account of home responsibilities.

Profession: Law. Reading law at home, he passed a brilliant bar examination. Was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1911, and "is rated one of the best lawyers in the state."

(The following is found in the 1952-53 "Who's Who," is available for all; its order changed somewhat!)

Member of the following law firms in Jacksonville:

1911.....Knight and Adair

1911-25.....Cooper, Knight, Adair, Cooper and Osborne

1925-29.....Knight, Adair, Cooper and Osborne

1929-38.....Adair, Cooper, Osborne and Copp

Since October 1, 1939: Adair, Kent, Ashby and McNatt, with offices in the Barnett National Bank Building.

Director:

Florida National Bank, Jacksonville

St. Jo Paper Company, N. Y.

Telfair Stockton Company, N. Y.

Vice-President and Director:

Avondale Company

Chairman:

State Board of Control, Florida

Institutions of Higher Learning - 1939-46

Duval County Budget Commission - 1931-34



Board of Managers of the Nemours Foundation

Member:

Academy of Political Science  
National Economics League  
Trade and Commerce, American  
Florida State and Jacksonville Bar Associations  
American Law Institute  
Association of Commerce (ex-president)

Clubs:

Seminole  
Timquana Country Club  
Florida Yacht  
Lawyers (N. Y.)

Democrat, Episcopalian

Home Address: *4091 Timquana Road* *10*  
~~1867 Edgewood Avenue~~, Jacksonville 5, Fla.

(In the previous home of the Adairs lived Aunt Louise Manning for several years - a beautiful home at 1870 Challen Avenue, its large front lawn stretching down to the St. John River. It was there in 1930 this writer met the Aunt for whom I am named, for the first and only time.)

Children:

Marie Manning Adair  
Louise Manning Adair  
Sydney Taylor Adair

11 Marie Manning Adair (Polly) was born in Jacksonville, November 23, 1911.

Schooling: Graduate Robert E. Lee High School, Jacksonville  
Graduate of Holton Arms, Washington, D. C.  
Student Juilliard Institute, New York

Of Polly her mother writes: "Polly is quite musical, was almost a prodigy. At the age of five could transpose anything melodic into any key. She had a lovely voice (sung over radio) but since her breakdown in health in 1935, her voice has not been good. She was admitted to Juilliard Institute, where she won a scholarship for the next year when her health failed, followed by a long breakdown." Polly lives with her parents in Jacksonville.

11 Louise Manning Adair was born in Jacksonville, November 15, 1919

Schooling: Graduate Robert E. Lee High School, Jacksonville  
Two-year student National Cathedral School for Girls in  
Washington, D. C.  
Graduate Holton Arms, Washington, D. C.





Married: Brunswick, Georgia, at St. Mary's Church, September 9, 1939,  
Elliot Wilson Butts, Jr., born March 14, 1918, Boston, Mass.  
Son of: Elliot Wilson Butts of Brunswick, Ga., and of  
Margary May (Cohen) Butts, born in New York City.

Schooling: Law degree from Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.  
Student George Washington University, Washington, D. C.  
Student University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

War Service: Major in the U. S. Air Force, with "Distinguished Service"  
in the Italian Theatre  
Major Butts was and is a pilot in the Air Force  
Present rank: Lt. Colonel  
After the War, stationed in the Pentagon, his office  
handled and presented bills to Congress relating  
to the Air Force.

Louise Butts writes: "Elliot has a law degree from Washington and  
Lee University. After the war for a while as a civilian he practiced  
law in my father's office and did very well, but decided he liked fly-  
ing better and returned to the Air Force. Late 1951 brought Elliot  
orders to go to Paris to work under General Norstadt at Allied Airplane  
Headquarters at Fortainebleu. He sails February 26, 1952, and the children  
and I follow soon thereafter."

Church: Episcopal

Recent address: Alexandria, Va.

Present address: C/o Hq. US-AFE, AB#1, C/o P. M. New York, N. Y.

Children:

- 12 Elliot Wilson Butts III born September 30, 1943, Seymour, Ind.
- 12 Leighton Butts born October 18, 1946, Jacksonville, Fla.

- 11 Sydney Taylor Adair (Kitty) was born in Jacksonville,  
January 8, 1921

Schooling: Graduate Robert E. Lee High School, Jacksonville  
Two-year student National Cathedral School for Girls,  
Washington, D. C., 1936-38  
Graduate Holton Arms, Washington, D. C., 1940

Married: Jacksonville, October 20, 1945, Campbell Palfrey, Jr.,  
born in New Orleans, La., January 18, 1918; son of  
Campbell Palfrey, and of  
Janie (Wigginton) Palfrey, both born in New Orleans.

Schooling: Graduate of High School and Junior College, Marion, Ala.  
Graduate Marion Military Institute, Marion, Ala.  
Graduate U. S. Military Academy, 1942, at West Point, N. Y.  
with commission of 2nd Lieutenant.

War Service: Captain and Pilot, U. S. Army Air Force





Prisoner of War 14 months in the Baltic Region  
Present rank: Lt. Colonel, U. S. Air Force

Awards: Air Medal, Theatre Ribbons

Present residence: 6934 North 29th Street, Arlington, Va.

Church: Episcopal

Until late 1951 Colonel Palfrey and family resided at West Point, when he was assigned to duty at Eglin Air Base near Pensacola, Florida, and was there joined by his family. Late summer 1952, Colonel Palfrey was moved to the Washington Area for Pentagon service.

Children:

12 Katherine Adair Palfrey, born November 22, 1946, at Lake Charles, La.

12 Campbell Palfrey III, born December 12, 1949, at West Point.

12 - Jane Wigginton Palfrey, b. Dec. 28, 1953, Arlington, Va.





Edward Buchanan Manning  
1847-1940





## EDWARD BUCHANAN MANNING

9 Edward Buchanan Manning was born November 1, 1847, "near Duffields," and most probably in the William Darke home, which his father had inherited on the death of his mother, Mrs. <sup>acsb</sup> Joseph Hite Manning, in 1843. Died at Spencer Corners, near Millerton, N. Y., April 1, 1940, age 92 years and 9 months. Burial service was in Millerton Presbyterian Church; interment in Irondale Cemetery.

His longevity was most unusual for a Manning. Toward the last he grew very feeble and his death came from paralysis of the throat. His hair was only touched with silver on the temples and top of the head. His health during his long life was unusually good; his last illness of a brief three days. Two daughters-in-law were with him: "he left with a smile, just sighed and was gone."

From Patsy Cook's letter: "Dad had splendid health. I never remember a sick day he had; his hearing not so good. Mind was perfect until two years ago (1938) when our home was destroyed by fire and we lost everything we had. Dad went to live with my brother in Washington, Conn., was there about a year then came back to find a new home - which did not seem clear to him. Was a wonderful person; mother and father to us; had the love and respect of everyone for miles around."

Chester Eisenhuth, a neighbor writes: "Your Uncle Ned, or 'Gramp' as we all knew him, was a wonderful man, very much loved and respected in this community. I have yet to hear one word against him. He did not live long after his home - for over 54 years, was destroyed by fire. It was a great blow to him, as all his children but two were born there, and his wife died there. The three things which Gramp loved most were lost in this fire, as well as all else he had: his mother's prayer book, his wife's picture, and the gavel presented to him upon his retirement as Supervisor of the Town of North East. As his home was about two miles from town, water supply was inadequate. Hungry flames soon devoured the grand old home with its 14 rooms. 'Uncle Ned' then 91, in a chair on the lawn, sat speechless, tears streaming down his cheeks, four daughters sobbing at his side - this was May 7, 1938."

Edward B. Manning came to Millerton in 1873 as engineer for the Maltbie Mining Corporation; became a superintendent of the Maltbie Furnace; highway commissioner; and Supervisor of the Town of North East for 21 years - 1910-1930. At the time of his death he was the oldest resident of Millerton; the oldest member of the Webotuc Lodge of Masons; and, he believed, the last living witness of the hanging of John Brown.

Member of the Sons of the Revolution; admitted to membership February 16, 1914; National Number 3954. He was the great grandson of Lt. Col. William Darke, Revolutionary soldier.

Church: Episcopal.

Married: December 26, 1880, at Wakeeny, Kansas, Emma Josephine Traver, born August 7, 1858, at Mechanicstown, Maine, the





daughter of Freeman and Sarah (Coleby) Traver.  
She died <sup>in 1904</sup> August 24, 1904, Town of North East, Dutchess  
County, N. Y., Interred in Irondale Cemetery.

In 1876, her family started west, her father dying on the way; the others reaching Wakeeny, Kansas, where death later claimed the mother and two sisters. During these years Ned Manning and young Josephine corresponded, and in 1880 he went to Wakeeny and they were married. At that time in the "Wild West," a young girl became versed in outdoor skills. Jo Traver became an expert horsewoman, an expert in handling a gun. With marriage she returned to Millerton and there her eleven children were born. With her death in 1904, Ned Manning became "father and mother" to his large family - nine of his children then living.

Her Church: Presbyterian

Names of their children:

Sarah Craighill Manning	Lucy Manning
William Traver Manning	Virginia Manning
Edward Buchanan Manning Jr.	Nathaniel Darke Manning
Perry Monroe Manning	Elizabeth Lee Manning

Freeman Marion Manning  
Patsy Manning  
Francis Addison Manning

10 Sarah Craighill Manning, born October 10, 1880, died  
September 16, 1882

10 William Traver Manning, born at Millerton, N. Y., April 29,  
1883; died of heart trouble, July 25, 1945, at West  
Seneca, N. Y.; buried in the cemetery at Byron, N. Y.  
in his wife's family lot, by his own wish.

William Traver Manning moved to Buffalo about 1908, and as an electrician worked for the Lackawanna Steel Co., a plant taken over later by the Bethlehem Steel Co. Owing to the importance of his work at the time of World War I, he was not called into service. He worked under Mr. Blass, the superintendent of the coke-ovens and an old friend of his father, E. B. Manning. It was a daughter of Mr. Blass who introduced young William to his future wife, May Strouse.

Married: In 1916 to May Strouse, born at Allentown, Pa., reared in Buffalo, N. Y., the daughter of  
George B. Strouse, born August 12, 1867, at Pottsville, Pa.; and of  
Anna Catherine Good, born November 20, 1865, at Allentown, Pa.

Quoted from her letter of August 12, 1952: "My people were all of Pennsylvania German descent, having come to this country in the early





1700's. My mother's father served in the State Guard of Pennsylvania for a few months during the Civil War, and my father's father served throughout the war. He was at Gettysburg but did not take part in the battle - his regiment one of the night of the second day and was held in reserve."

Her schooling: In 1913, graduate of New York State Teachers College at Albany, B. S. degree  
In 1947, B. S. in Library Science from Syracuse University.

At the time of her marriage, May Strouse was a teacher; after her husband's death she went back to college and secured a degree as stated above. She is now cataloguer on the Library Staff of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa. Address: 2128 Tilghman Street.

Church affiliation: Evangelical Association

The children of William and May Manning:

Edward George Manning  
Eleanor Marion Manning  
Sarah Lydia Manning

11 Edward George Manning, born at Buffalo, N. Y. <sup>Oct. 5</sup> 1917.

Schooling: Graduate West Seneca High School, N. Y.  
Graduate Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., 1944  
in Electrical Engineering; a B. S. degree  
Graduate with Master's degree in Electrical Engineering, 1950, University of North Carolina.

From his letter of October 1, 1951, is quoted:

"Very briefly this is the story: after graduating from high school too many years ago, I spent some time servicing radios; then driving a truck for my Uncle Frank in Washington, Conn.; then working in Bethlehem Steel's Lackawanna Plant from '36-'41, with a brief time out spent in Tri-State College in 1938. In 1941 I transferred to the Bethlehem Plant of BSCo. and entered Lehigh University. I managed to work full time also get married to a Bethlehem girl.....

"In 1944, having graduated with reasonable honors, I then went with the Eastman Kodak Company for 18 months; then came down to North Carolina to work out my Master's degree in Electrical Engineering and stayed on as Assistant Professor (North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering of the University of North Carolina, Raleigh)... My wife is interested in cooking and crafts, while I have acquired a taste for music."

An introductory paragraph to the above letter is worth quoting:

"I have your letter seeking further information and 'color' about this branch of the Manning family. Of course you realize that asking a man who lives this far south about 'color' in his background is treading





on thin ice. But I'm a Yankee, so all is forgiven." To his 'color' in back round and 'thin ice tredding,' I warned this Yankee cousin, while living in the South, to be very careful and not mention his DARKE blood.

By way of a second postscript to the above is this quote from his sister, Sarah's letter: "He went through Lehigh supporting himself completely by working a full shift at the Bethlehem Steel Co. He took four quarters a year at the University, so vacations were very few. Though he said he would not be serious about a girl until he graduated, it took him less than two months to become engaged to Anne. They were married November '44. Later he said he recommended marriage while studying because he was too busy to dress up to go see his girl, and after they married he just went home to her. Anne worked at this time, too, but quit after he graduated and they moved to Rochester."

Married: <sup>Oct. 14,</sup> November 1944 to Anne Killough Borhek, born November 21, 1918, in Bethlehem, Pa; the daughter of Henry Theodore Borhek, born in Bethlehem, Pa.; and of Maria Wilhelm Killough, born in Harrisburg, Pa.

#### Her Schooling:

Graduate of the Moravian Preparatory School, Bethlehem, Pa., 1936 (a day school with Kindergarten training through Senior year)

B. A., cum laude, 1940, Moravian College for Women, Bethlehem. Major, English: Minor, Spanish and Biology. Valedictorian in both Prep. School and College

In 1942, secured a secretarial certificate from Bethlehem Business College

Member Pi Delta Upsilon...national honorary journalistic fraternity.

#### Journalistic experience:

Worked on school papers in Prep School and College

On staff of year book in both schools

Edited first edition of Bethlehem Business College paper.

#### Organizations Membership:

Program Chairman Y.U.C.I., Senior College year

Member College Science and Spanish Clubs

President College Astronomy Club

Member International Relations Club.

With a teacher's certificate in her college Major and Minor subjects, Anne never taught, but became secretary to the Dean of the Engineering at Lehigh University, and while so serving met a young Electrical Engineering student, Edward George Manning, who straightway reversed his decision not to marry until after graduation.

July 9, 1951, brought a new member into the Raleigh home of Ed and Anne Manning, an event best told in Ed's words:

"After endless red tape we adopted a baby boy this past July and





we are now spending large amounts of time at home." His amusing announcement of this event follows.

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Co-Chairman of the Board  
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2. Date of model completion.....April 12, 1951
3. Date of release.....July 9, 1951
4. Weight at release.....14 lbs. 1 oz.
5. Length at release.....24 inches
6. Color scheme.....Brunet with dark brown visual  
equipment and dark fur trim
7. Outlook.....Highly sociable
8. Audio output.....Pleasingly low (generally)

#### Typical comments of partners:

Anne: "Am I glad we have a Bendix!"

Ed: "All that from only one teaspoon of pablum?"

This past summer Ed Manning worked on a research project that the Engineering Research Department at the college has with the Army Air Force, after which he and Anne managed a two-weeks round-up of friends and relatives in Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania. "Hank's" play pen was taken along and "everything was fine." Leaving him with her parents in Bethlehem, they enjoyed a two day round in New York City.

In addition to housekeeping..and Hank!..Anne takes on a few extra curricula:

Publicity Chairman of the Raleigh Child Study Club

Co-Chairman of the International Friendship Committee of

the North Carolina State College for Woman's Club...

its objective to arrange for foreign students to see and  
enjoy American life in local homes.

Collects recipes...especially inexpensive ones!

Does small jewelry, usually for gifts, with an occasional sale.

#### Church affiliations:

Membership in the Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem, Pa.,

a Liturgical faith with much in common with the Episcopal





Church.

In Raleigh, attend the Fairmont Methodist Church and Sunday School, and in addition to this Anne finds time to be Parish Secretary for the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

11 Eleanor Marion Manning was born in Buffalo, N. Y., September 27, 1919

Schooling: Graduate West Seneca High School, New York  
Graduate, B. A. degree, 1940, New York State  
Teachers College, Buffalo.... A teacher in elementary  
schools before marriage.

Married: July 9, 1944, Madison, Wisconsin, Glen Julian Stine, born  
March 20, 1921, at Allentown, Pa.; the son of  
Titus William Stine, born August 20, 1889, at  
Lebanon, Pa., and of  
Ellen Marguerite (Smith) Stine, born March 6, 1891,  
in Hazelton, Pa.

Schooling: Graduate Liberty High School, Bethlehem, 1939  
Two and half year student, Electrical Engineering,  
Lehigh University...discontinued with war service

War Service: Enlisted U. S. Army, Madison, Wisconsin, and trained  
in Radio Mechanics and Radio Operator Schools, then  
Instructor in Radio Mechanics at Madison, and this type  
Service also at Scott Field, Ill., and at Amarillo, Tex.  
No overseas service

After her marriage at Madison, Wisconsin, Eleanor went on with Glen  
to his later assignments, after which they returned to his home at  
Catasauqua.

Residence: 728 Walnut Street, Catasauqua, Pa.

Church: Methodist

Present work: With the Bethlehem Steel Corporation

Children:

- 12 William Titus Stine, born October 16, 1946
- 12 Glen Michael Stine, born November 21, 1948
- 12 Ellen May Stine, born August 15, 1950
- 12 Elizabeth Sarah Stine, born April 15, 1952... all  
four born at Catasauqua, Pa.
- 12 - *Chas. Edward Stine, b. Sept. 5, 1954* {Haff Hospital  
Northampton, Pa.

By way of postscript, Ellen adds: "We raise things - chickens,  
cats, a dog, a big garden, and, naturally, children!"

11 Sarah Lydia Manning, born in Buffalo, February 19, 1921

A letter dated October 5, 1951, from Sarah, tells her own story





briefly: "I am the youngest of William T. Manning's children.... Taught high school for two years in northern New York State, and then went to the Thomas Indian School for three years, which is a New York supported school for dependent Indian children. I held the position of Supervising House Mother, a very interesting job with many facets. But I do not think I am cut out for administrative positions, and this, coupled with the emotional strain from doing this social service work, made me decide to return to college and seek other employment.

"I went to Cornell as a graduate assistant and received my Master of Science degree in 1949. I came out here to Iowa to teach in the Home Management area of Home Economics at Iowa State Teachers College and have remained here since."

Address: Iowa State Teachers College, Home Economics Department,  
Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Comment: That I have embodied the above letters in full in this family record, proves my pleasure and satisfaction in having heard directly from these grandchildren of Uncle Ned. One objective in this research is "to introduce" cousins one to the other. I have been very persistent in seeking information and some of the cousins may regard me as a nosey person, but such is not true, and the very frank statements about my own family prove my sincerity, I hope.

10 Edward Buchanan Manning, Jr., born July 15, 1884; died October 27, 1994.

10 Perry Monroe Manning, a twin, born December 11, 1885; died September 29, 1905, of Bright's disease.

10 Lucy Manning, Perry's twin, born December 11, 1885; died September 29, 1941, of uremic poisoning.

10 Virginia Manning, born October 5, 1888.

After the death of their mother in 1904, upon the above two, Lucy, 19, Virginia, 16, fell much of the responsibility of rearing their brothers and sisters. Advising and helping them from time to time was an aunt, wife of their mother's brother; but having seven children of her own, Aunt May "looked in" more often than giving relieving aid.... Family responsibility became a habit with Lucy and Virginia. They helped Patsy Cook, their younger sister, in rearing her two daughters; and after Lucy's death, Virginia alone became the dependable "standby" for the Cook grandchildren. Tenderly caring for their busy then aging father, home-makers for others, the family debt to Lucy and Virginia is one impossible to repay except with never-ceasing remembrance. Early this year (1952) Virginia, truly a Manning heir in this, had a stroke, from which she slowly made a fair recovery. Again, December, a second stroke has followed.

10 Nathaniel Darke Manning, born October 8, 1891; died July 31, 1949. His death came from touching a live wire;





his remains cremated and interred at Millbrook, N. Y.

At the time of his death, he was living near Boston, employed as electrical lineman for the Massachusetts Power and Light Company. After a period of work for the Connecticut Light and Power Company, he went with the Phoenix Utility Company, in the construction field, in Mexico, Guatamala and Ecuador, for a period of three years. Returning to the States, he worked for the Associated Gas and Electrical Company, until his last employment with the Massachusetts Company.

"Nat lost a good part of his health on his South and Central American jaunts, and concerning some of his exploits, well he was never one to let a few annoying facts spoil a good story." EGM

Two who knew him well have commented on Nat Manning's unusual quick intelligence.

Married: Jennie Pectle, born at Millbrook, N. Y., the daughter of Frank and Sadie (Reynolds) Pectle, both of Millbrook, where both now live.

Jennie Pectle attended Millbrook High School. For a short time before her marriage she was a telephone operator. She witnessed the crushing death of her six-year old son, Nathaniel, Jr., under the wheels of a trolley car - a tragedy which gradually weakened her mind, the complete upset coming after the birth of her youngest son, Cloise. She is now a patient in the Hudson River Sanitarium.

Their children:

- 11 Nathaniel Darke Manning, Jr., born 1914; met death under a trolley car, 1920
- 11 Franklin Pectle Manning
- 11 Cloise Addison Manning

11 Franklin Pectle Manning, born Norwalk, Conn., June 25, 1916.

Schooling: Grammar and High School, Millbrook, N. Y.

College: one year student University of Miami - no degree.

Civilian career: Bank clerk in New York City and Miami, Florida.

Franklin Pectle Manning, now a Major in the U. S. Army, under date of May 8, 1952, wrote as follows:

"Dear Cousin Louise:

I have never had to furnish a capsule history of myself such as you requested, but after some of the personal history questionnaires I have had to furnish the Army, this should be easy, if you will accept an outline form. It will follow, but first, I wish to tender my regrets for the two months delay in answering your letter. In addition to having the usual Manning failure or failing of being a poor letter writer - and





I do realize it is laziness and bad manners - it has been a hectic two months here.

"Shortly after receiving your letter I was alerted for overseas duty in Europe. I have had to wind up my affairs in the St. Louis office, establish the family in a home until such time as I can send for them, and other details such as an overseas assignment brings." - His history continues:

War Service:

Entered service June 1941 - and not making sufficient money as a 21 dollar a month private....

Entered Officer Candidate School, Fort Sill, Okla.

Commissioned 2nd Lt. Field Artillery, June 1942

Training in Camp Chaffee, Ark., with Artillery Bn.

Embarked for North Africa in 1943

Served in Italy and South France

Participated in the Invasion, and Germany (7th Army under Lt. Gen. Patch)

Returned to the U. S., October 1945

(Left the service and returned to my civilian job in Miami. Couldn't see importance of the job.... and)

Returned to Army September 1946

Was separated as Captain and returned to service with same grade.

Served in Ft. Jackson, S. C., and Ft. Bragg, N. C. until November 1947.

December 1947 was transferred to Korea and served there until January 1949.

Went to Japan and served there until April 1950

Assigned to Intelligency School at Ft. Holabird, Md., as a student until September 1950

Assigned to Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., until August 1951.

Assigned to St. Louis, Mo., until last month (April 1952)

Promoted to present grade (Major) October 2, 1950

A letter from Ann Graves Manning, a Major in the Army Nurse Corps, under date of September 1, 1952, adds color to the above:

"Frank is very reticent when it comes to telling any of his war experiences. He was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious action beyond the call of duty. He had seven honoring experiences which I guess he thinks the sooner forgot the better.... He had not only himself to worry about, but he had me also. Whenever he was in driving distance he would come to check on me, especially on Anzio. From his position he could see our hospital being bombed and he would come 'a-flying' down the road with the shells falling all around, to see if I was alright, and then tease me saying he did not know if I was worth it or not. We had a lot of laughs over various things".....

Married: December 29, 1942, Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Anna Graves, born September 3, 1920, Columbia, Missouri, the daughter of: John Earnest Graves, born in Schuyler Co.,





Mo., and of:

Beulah (Pool) Graves, born in Doniphan Co., Kansas.

Beulah Pool came from early Kentucky stock and John Graves of a pioneer Missouri family, having come from Kentucky over a hundred years ago... "Ann and I met in Camp Chaffee, Ark., July 1942."

Schooling: Graduate Grammar and High School, Columbia, Mo.  
Graduate, B. S. degree, University of Missouri, Columbia.

Civilian career: A few months in Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.

War service: Entered Army Nurse Corps, March 1942  
Assigned Camp Chaffee, Ark., until March 1943  
Transferred to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, until  
April 1943  
Proceeded to North Africa and served in Evacuation  
Hospital all during North African War  
Proceed to Italy, September 1943, and finished war there.  
Separated from service in October 1945, with rank of  
Major  
Has done some civilian nursing since but has been  
primarily a housewife)

Children:

- 12 Michael Frank Manning, born October 5, 1946
- 12 Sarah Elizabeth Manning, born April 25, 1951

"Both our children were born in the hospital at Columbia, where Ann trained. We think our children pretty special. Sally is only a toddler (May 1952), but Mike has proved to be a pretty adult and adaptable child. He has never met a stranger, and, as a matter of fact, we meet most people through him. I hope he will remember much of Germany as he does not remember much of Japan, which is a pity. Neither Ann nor I have any special hobbies unless our dabbling in photography can be called such. It is difficult to pursue a hobby when we are on the move so much.

"High points in our service overseas were not many. Speaking for myself, I was either bored or scared most of the time. Ann was worked pretty hard." FPI

A recent letter from Major Manning's sister-in-law, Lois, brings his overseas news somewhat up-to-date: "As well as I can make out (from his letter) he has moved five times since his arrival at Bremerhaven... This means Ann and the children will not be able to join him until after January 1st. He is stationed at Wurzburg now; went to school at Oberammergau, was down in southern Bavaria, and he calls this 'a rather plushy deal. I was forced to stay at Garmisch, the vacation spot of Europe.'

A revealing, but more concealing, address for Major Manning is: Major F. P. Manning, A. P. C. 46, C/o Postmaster, New York.





A 1952 Christmas greeting line from Ann Manning tells that she and the children were busy with various immunization procedures and hoped to leave for Germany the second half of January (1953).

11 Cloise Addison Manning, born June 13, 1922, Waterbury, Conn.

Schooling:

Graduate Millerton, N. Y., High School, 1941

Brief period in Boston University after Army discharge.

War Service:

Private First Class, Company F, 2nd Ranger Battalion, U. S. A.

Inducted October 9, 1942

Active service, October 23, 1942, Albany, N. Y.

December 1, 1943, E. T. C.

Engagements: Central Europe, Normandy, North France, Rhineland.

October 23, 1945, U. S. A.

Separation Center, Fort Dix, N. J., October 27, 1945.

Service record signed by Captain J. E. White, Jr.

Awards:

American Service Medal

Presidential Unit Citation

European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal "Arrowhead

Purple Heart

Good Conduct Medal

A. S. R. Scored 2 Sept. 1945...81

Service under Colonel Rider, who was under command of General Mark Clark.

Wounds received resulted from shrapnel burst entering back, shoulder, and neck, with scarring of lung walls.

As to above, Lois writes: "Cloise is entitled to have lung X-rays every six months as precautionary measure, anti-T. B., but he is as allergic to doctors as to pen and paper. Also entitled to partial disability pension, but will not apply."

Present work: Apprentice engineer, Weber Construction Company, Inc.,  
Schenectady, N. Y.

Residence: 2820 Broadway, Schenectady.

Church: Presbyterian

Married: At the Presbyterian Manse, Millerton, N. Y. to Lois  
Humbert, born Ontario, California, June 17, 1927,  
daughter of:

Harold Deway Humbert, born Pleasant Valley, N. Y.,  
August 3, 1897, and of

Henrietta (Butler, Jr.) Humbert, born Hybernian, N. Y.,  
1900, whose parents were born in Ireland.

Davis was the family name of Lois's paternal grandmother, who traced



her descent to a connection of Jefferson Davis; and this grandmother through her grandfather, Scotch-English John MacFarlane, had lineage connection with Benedict Arnold, whose service and loyalty to the Colonies were marked prior to his betrayal act.

Schooling:

Graduate of Millerton High School, 1946

Comment: Impressed with the good English expressed in her letters the writer asked if she had further schooling: "No college education, but I am blessed with a father who does not believe education ends with classroom activities."

At the age of 15 months, Cloise became a member of his grandfather's household, cared for and reared by his aunts, Lucy and Virginia Manning. Again Lois: "Cloise respected and loved his grandfather over and above all other people, and there was never any question over our first born's name. Mr. Manning must really have been a wonderfully wise person to have commanded such respect by everyone who knew him."

Children:

12 Edward Buchanan Manning III, born November 2, 1949, at Sharon, Conn.; one day after the anniversary of his great grandfather's birthday.

12 Patsy Louise Manning, born March 28, 1952, at St. Clare's Hospital, Schenectady.

10 Elizabeth Lee Manning, born December 28, 1893, in the Town of North East, Dutchess County, N. Y.: died February 19, 1950, from cerebral hemorrhage; her last illness of two months duration was in the home of her sister, Mrs. Cecil Cook of Spencers Corners. Interment in Irondale Cemetery, Millerton.

Elizabeth Manning Gaptill was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and of the Woman's Club of the Church. She greatly enjoyed the companionship and conversation of her father. They talked at length of his home in Virginia and his relatives there... This writer greatly regrets that both are gone and with them their pleasant factual family lore... Her schooling was in the local public schools.

Married: June 15, 1916, to Richard Arthur Gaptill, born January 2, 1888, in Brooklyn, N. Y.: the son of Aaron Roberts Gaptill, born at Rollinsford in Strafford County, New Hampshire, and of Emily Elizabeth (Kochert) Gaptill, born in New York City, of Alsatian ancestry; her parents born in New York City; her grandparents foreign born: one grandfather, a minister; the other a Mayor, of Huguenot ancestry.

Schooling: Public Schools of Brooklyn





Work: Owner of a paperhanging and paint store.

Residence: Millerton, N. Y.

Church: Methodist

War Service: Aaron Roberts Gupstill, father of Richard, Sr.,  
enlisted May 21, 1861, New York City, as private in Co.  
D, 2nd Regiment, N. Y. State Volunteers, which later  
became 3rd Infantry Battery, N. Y. Light Artillery,  
under Colonel Thaddeus P. Mott.  
Made Sergeant November 1861.  
"Wounded in shoulder and ankle at Fair Oaks, Va., in  
"Seven Days Fight."  
Honorably discharged July 12, 1862, for disability.

Aaron Gupstill was present at Fords Theatre, Washington, the night  
Lincoln was shot and joined in the chase after Booth.

Children:

Edward Harold Gupstill  
Edythe Marion Gupstill  
Patricia Emily Gupstill  
Richard Arthur Gupstill, Jr.

11 Edward Harold Gupstill, born April 28, 1917, Millerton, N. Y.

Schooling: Millerton schools, and Coyne Electrical School, Chicago.

War Service:

Enlisted U. S. Army, December 1941, at Madison Barracks, Nebraska  
Training at Pine Camp, N. Y., as electrician  
As Technician IV served overseas:  
September 16, 1942 in Iceland  
December 1943, in England; later in France and Belgium  
Discharged May 12, 1945, at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Present work: Electrician for "Community Service," Salisbury, Conn.

Residence: Lakeville, Conn.

Church: Presbyterian

Married: September 6, 1952 at the Methodist Episcopal Church at  
Lakeville, Conn., to  
Gertrude Louise Sylvernale, born February 7, 1920, at  
Lakeville, Conn.; daughter of  
J. Parker Sylvernale, born at Lakeville, Conn.: and  
of Ruth (Phillips) Sylvernale, born at Callatinville, N. Y.

Schooling: Lakeville High School

12+ Barry Manning Gupstill, b. Apr. 6, 1953, at Sharon Hospital  
Sharon, Conn.





11 Edythe Marion Gupstill, born July 7, 1918, at Woodhaven,  
Long Island, N. Y.

Schooling: Millerton High School graduate

Edythe keeps house for her father, and until recently for her older brother also. For a few years was a governess in New York, as "she has quite a way" with children. Now devotes time and self to Judy, Ricky, and the new baby, her brother's children.

Church: Episcopal

11 Patricia Emily Gupstill, born September 16, 1920, Millerton.

Schooling: Millerton High School graduate  
With athletic liking, she excelled in Basketball.

Married: November 29, 1941, to Henry Wilson Claus, born December 4, 1914, Panama in Canal Zone; the son of the late William Claus, born in Germany, and of Sophia (Berle) Claus, also born in Germany; now living.

William Claus was one of the Chief Engineers for the Construction of the Panama Canal.

Schooling: Schenectady Public Schools, Knott Terrace High.

Present work: Employee of General Electric, Schenectady, N. Y., and his wife an employee also.

Residence: 824 DeCamp Avenue, Schenectady.

Church: Episcopal

11 Richard Arthur Gupstill, Jr., born November 21, 1925, Sharon Hospital, Sharon, Conn.

Schooling: Millerton High School graduate.

War Service: Enlisted U. S. Navy, October 1, 1943  
Training at Fort Sampson Naval Base, N. Y.  
Seaman 1st Class on U. S. S. "Westmoreland" in Pacific Area  
Discharged at Lido Beach, Long Island, N. Y., April 19, 1946

Present work: Salesman for Bloch's Furniture Store, Millerton.

Residence: Millerton, N. Y.

Married: May 11, 1947, Carolyn Jeanne Murphy, born April 22, 1928, Sharon, Conn.; the daughter of



John Murphy, Sr., born 1905 Amenia, N. Y., and of  
Flora Delle (Hill) Murphy, born 1902, Pine Plains,  
N. Y.

The parents of Mrs. John Murphy, Sr., Edward Hill, Sr., born 1874  
in Germany, and Bertha (Husted) Hill, born 1876 in Hyde Park, N. Y.,  
will observe their 60th wedding anniversary June 12, 1953.

Schooling of Carolyn Murphy: Amenia High School

Children:

12 Richard Arthur Gupstill, III, born December 4, 1947

12 Judith Ann Gupstill, born February 28, 1949

12 Constance Lee Gupstill, born September 4, 1952

All above three born in Sharon Hospital, Sharon, Conn.

12 John Allen Gupstill, b. Oct. 22, 1954, Sharon Hospital

Church affiliation: Episcopal

Incident: Millerton, N. Y., celebrated its centennial in July of  
1951, wrote Chester F. Eisenhuth: "Our streets were all decked with  
flags and bunting, and all shop windows carried old fashioned exhibits.  
Our parade was led by a covered wagon drawn by a yoke of oxen of  
ancient vintage. I had an old surrey with fringe on top, drawn by a  
sleek black horse, and carrying my cousins (yours too, of course!)  
Richard and Carolyn Gupstill and their two kiddies. Richard wore  
grandfather's top hat, cutaway coat, etc.; Carolyn, grandmother's  
wedding dress and great grandmother's bonnet and shawl. Little Judy  
wore a red hoop-skirted dress with pantalettes, which grandmother  
wore when Judy's age... In our reviewing stand were a dozen old-  
timers whose combined ages totaled over 1000 years."

(Comment: Chester F. Eisenhuth, mentioned above and previously, is  
cousin to Elizabeth Manning Gupstill's generations, and his interest in  
his cousins' Manning ancestry led him to answer my correspondence  
with our Millerton cousins. He has painstakingly furnished many de-  
tails of Uncle Ned's family and grandchildren. His objective: A  
picture album with family history for little Judy and her brother.)

10 Freeman Marion Manning, born July 3, 1895, Millerton, N. Y.;  
called "Bus" by all the family.

World War I: U. S. Army

Overseas with the 6th Infantry from  
July of 1917 to August of 1923  
Discharged as 1st Sergeant

World War II: Served 3½ years as a Mechanical Advisor

Present work: In the road building business for many years; a  
Master Mechanic for the Weber Construction Company  
of Schenectady, N. Y.

From a nephew comes the following "side light:"





"The best description I know about Bus was one his father gave as told to me by my father: Grandad is said to have remarked one day that he never knew a better man for getting out of a tight scrape than Bus, and then, after a pause, he added, 'and I don't know of a better hand for getting into them'.....Grandad, from all reports, was no slouch for getting out of tight spots himself but he didn't have Bus's propensity for getting into them."

Church: Episcopal

Residence address: R. D. # 3, Keller Avenue, Schenectady, N. Y.

Married, 1st: In 1921, while still in the army, to Doris <sup>Adams</sup> Allen of Allegan, Michigan

Freeman and Doris Manning adopted two children:

a. Allen Traver Manning, born May 1924

War Service: Air Corps, 1942-1945  
Training as radio technician  
Stationed at Guadacanal  
Discharged as Technician Sergeant I.

Married: Jacqueline \_\_\_\_\_

b. Geraldine Rae Manning, born December, 1926

Married: Robert Ott

World War II: U. S. Navy, and still in service

(b) One child

Freeman and Doris Manning were divorced, after which Doris married John Weinert and moved to California, there dying in 1949.

Freeman married, 2ndly, Mrs. Lois Craft.

(Shortly after Uncle Ned's death in 1940, Doris <sup>Adams</sup> Allen Manning wrote me at some length, a sort of family-review letter, which included the following regarding Uncle Ned, then her father-in-law: "He was a wonderful person; a brilliant man with a very keen mind; had one of the best memories I have ever known. He was active in public life. I understand he was self-educated; a great reader, well informed on all subjects. Was generous to family and neighbor. I loved him as my own father, although I have a father of 60 years, whom I adore. He was a gentleman through and through; never drank, smoked, nor had any bad habit. He had a hard struggle; left with eight children, whom he tried to bring up right. I am afraid he was too generous with them. They were spoiled a bit - knew Daddy was there to depend on.")

10 Patsy Manning, born October 11, 1897, Millerton, N. Y.





Patsy attended the local public schools; married in 1921. Her home has been the family gathering point since her father's death in 1940. With her and Cecil Cook, her husband, have lived: her two unmarried sisters, Lucy and Virginia; their two daughters with their husbands and children; and Charlie Hanby, a man who worked for many years for Patsy's father, has found a refuge in this home, and with him his niece, Lucille Hoffman, since she was seven weeks old.

Church: Presbyterian

Married: October 29, 1921, Cecil Cook, born February 8, 1900, at Monroe, Conn., the son of Thomas Cook, born in Dalmer, Conn., of Welsh and English parents, and of Elizabeth Laura (Lewis) Cook, born in Bridgeport, Conn.

Mrs. Cook (now Mrs. Elizabeth L. Charbonneau of 76 Temple Street, Springfield, Mass.) was the daughter of George Henry Lewis, a Civil War veteran. She traces connection with the John Adams family; and her great grandmother's brother was Professor Calvin Ellis Stowe who married Harriet Beecher, then a teacher in Ohio.

When eight years of age Cecil Cook moved from Monroe, Conn. to Springfield, Mass., where he attended the East Union Street School until he was 14, at which age he went to work. Always quick to learn, he was once rated as top cross miller in Messons Revolver Shop. At 21 he moved to New York, married, and has since lived at Millerton.

Present work: Assistant Road Commissioner of the Town of North East in Dutchess County... Patsy Cook is also employed, goes out daily to work for General Electric "making starters for fluorescent lights."

Residence address: Spencer Corners, Millerton, N. Y.

Children:

Josephine Emma Cook  
Betty (Elizabeth) Laura Cook

11 Josephine Emma Cook, born May 31, 1924, Millerton.

Schooling: Junior year in Millerton High School

Married: March 10, 1945, Leroy Henry Swart, born in Pine Plains, N. Y.; the son of Henry L. Swart and Mabel L. (Smith) Swart, both born in Pine Plains

Schooling: Pine Plains High School

War Service: U. S. Navy, 1942-45  
Training at Sampson Naval Base  
Seaman 1st Class in the Armed Guard



Pacific and Atlantic service  
Never on one ship steadily, mostly on tankers.

Present work: With the Nelson Plastic Company at Millerton.

Children:

- 12 Leroy Henry Swart, Jr., born December 22, 1945
- 12 Dolores Jo Swart, born October 14, 1947
- 12 Gary Allen Swart, born August 1, 1949
- 12 Wayne Swart, born September 27, 1950
  
- 11 Betty Laura Cook, born September 12, 1926 - named for her grandmother, who was Elizabeth Laura Lewis.

Schooling: Millerton High School

Married: November 22, 1947, Kenneth Humbert, born in Ontario, California, September 19, 1922, the son of  
Harold Dewey Humbert, born Pleasant Valley, New York, August 3, 1897, and of  
Henrietta (Dutler, Jr.) Humbert, born Hybernia, New York, 1900.

Schooling: One year of high school at Armenia, N. Y., prior to enlistment in the Army.  
After his discharge, completed High School at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

War Service: Enlisted U. S. Army, August 1941-1945  
Army Engineer Corps  
Overseas: Central Pacific, New Guinea, Philippines.  
Socialty: Truck driver, heavy.

One child:  
12 Kenneth Humbert, Jr., (Mike), born <sup>June 29,</sup> ~~May 31,~~ 1948.

In 1951 Betty and Kenneth Humbert were divorced. Kenneth's sister, Lois Humbert married Betty's first cousin, Cloise Manning:

Second marriage: August 9, 1952, Betty Cook Humbert to John William Dennis, born in Lakeville, Conn., the son of

John William Dennis, Sr., born April 9, 1901, at Orehill, Conn., and of  
Blanche Jeanette (Sherman) Dennis, born November 15, 1909, Salisbury, Conn.

Schooling: Junior High School, Lakeville, Conn.

War Service: U. S. Army, 1945-47  
39th Infantry, 9th Division  
Overseas: Germany

12: John William Dennis III, 6 May 1, 1953, Sharon Top, Sharon  
12: Kathleen Marie Dennis, 64, born Nov 19, 1954





Church: Catholic

Present work: Employee of the United Engineers and Construction Company of Philadelphia, at Torrington, Conn.

From Lois Humbert Manning's letter of November 30, 1952: "You ask for a sketch of Aunt Patsy Cook. Well, I have no dates that I am sure of on her life, but as to her character it is the most wonderful I have been privileged to encounter. She and Aunt Virginia are the two most completely unselfish people I have ever met. Aunt Pat always has room for 'one more' in her heart and in her home. She helped to rear my husband, also Lucille Hoffman, whom she treats as her own daughter. She has helped all three of her sons-in-law, both with advice and otherwise; is always at the beck and call of neighbors. To me she has been a very wonderful 'mother-in-law,' and to my two children, a very special 'Grandma Pat' ..... Aunt Pat has been both misused and misjudged by people both in and out of the family, but she can always find it in her heart to forgive and really forget, a rare trait in a human. She has inherited a large 'chunk' of her father's humanitarian spirit. One knowing her, very sincerely respects and admires her good qualities.

"Aunt Virginia also is one of the best. As you probably know, she and Aunt Lucy gave up almost any life of their own to care for their brothers and sisters; and then to rear my husband, to help Aunt Pat with her two children and Lucille Hoffman as well; and also with the Cook grandchildren. Now in these last years, both Aunt Virginia and Aunt Pat are far from well, both suffer pain, but uncomplainingly. Aunt Virginia is weakened both in body and mind by each succeeding shock."

10 Frank Addison Manning, born October 7, 1901, Millerton.  
Left the Millerton High School in the first year for service in the war.

World War I: National Guard duty at the Ashokan Reservoir in the Catskill Mountains, a reservoir supplying part of the water for New York City.

His wife writes: "After returning from this guard duty, Frank worked in the Lackawanna Steel Plant in Buffalo for one year; worked one year as a mechanic in W. B. McArthur's garage in Millerton. After he married and moved to Washington, Conn., he drove a milk truck for about twenty years (1923-1943). In 1941, he became a machinist in the Chase Brass and Copper Company at Waterbury, Conn., a subsidiary of the Kennocatt Copper Company.

"Frank has been a Mason for about twenty-five years; member of the Rising Sun Lodge, No. 27, Washington, Conn."

"Regarding Frank Addison Manning" writes his nephew Ed Manning, "I can perhaps add a little to the 'machinist' designation. He lives in a 2½ story home built into the side of a rise of land by himself and his brother Nathaniel, during the early and mid 1930's. I helped





with some of the landscaping around it when I worked for him the summer of 1937.

"For many years he operated a trucking business, most of it contract milk hauling. The decline of the local dairy business and the war brought this to an end, and during and since the war he and his son Richard have been working as machinists for Chase Brass and Copper. Like all our Hanning men, he has an intense interest in anything mechanical, a desire to find out what makes it work, how it is different from other similar mechanisms, and an almost irresistible desire to fix it if it doesn't seem to be performing properly.

"Physically, he still retains much of his lanky build, though he has put on some weight. His hair is still full with a hint of its original carrot coloring. He has, so far as I was able to observe, pretty well recovered from a serious truck accident in 1936 which left him rather stiff and lame for a number of years.

"He is interested in the world about him, with an observant, thoughtful point of view, but an indifferent participant. He loves to travel, though opportunity has been limited, and has phenomenal memory for what transpired on his trips. He meets people easily, and frequently learns more about an exhibit or locality than any number of usual tourists. In short, he is friendly, easy-going, and a favorite relative."

This writer can add from factual-hearsay, that one of Frank and Viola's travels brought them to Shepherdstown in the Lower Valley of Virginia, to see their first cousin, Patsy Berry Reinhart, this about summer 1946/7. Not finding Patsy at home, they were observed turning away and were invited by Patsy's sisters-in-law, the Misses Reinhart, to sit and visit on their front porch. This they did and as guests made a most favorable impression.

Residence address: Washington Depot, Conn.

Married: December 25, 1922, Viola Lela Burch, born at Millerton, April 30, 1902; the daughter of  
Nathan Gray Burch, born November 26, 1871, at  
Millerton, and of  
Hattie Elizabeth (Pulver) Burch, born May 21,  
1874, at Ancram, N. Y.

Schooling: Graduate High School, Pine Plains, N. Y.  
Graduate Danbury (Conn.) Normal  
B. S. degree from Danbury Teachers College, 1947  
At present working on a Master's degree in Biology from  
Teachers College, Columbia University.

Before her marriage Viola taught two years in grade schools at Newington, Conn.; an interim of war service, then became a 7th grade teacher in Middlefield, which pleasant work she gave up on account of distance from home. She now teaches in Watertown, Conn., commuting daily a distance of more than twenty miles and back again.



War Service: For four years, very responsible work as an operator of the "power switchboard" in the Chase Brass and Copper Company at Waterbury, Conn.

Children:

Viola Dorothy Manning  
Richard Addison Manning  
Frances Althea Manning

11 Viola Dorothy Manning, born Sharon, Conn., July 6, 1923

Schooling: Graduate High School, Washington, Conn.  
Student Business College at Waterbury, Conn.

Married: June 1, 1946, S. Franklyn Thompson, born New Milford, Conn., son of Samuel Thompson, born in Norway, and of Matilda (Pauman) Thompson, born in Northville, Conn.

Schooling: High School, New Milford, Conn.

Present work: *In charge of Dairy for State Hospital*  
~~Farm Superintendent~~  
*New Town, Conn.*

Residence: Ridgefield, Conn.

Children:

12 Nancy Ann Thompson, born May 31, 1947, New Milford, Conn.  
12 Donna Mae Thompson, born November 19, 1949, New Milford.

When Nancy Ann began school the week of September 4, 1952, her excitement was shared by the household.

Dorothy takes great pride in her D. A. R. membership in the Judea Chapter in Washington, Conn. Her application was accepted on her grandfather's record in The Sons of The Revolution, founded in 1876. He was admitted to membership February 16, 1914; National Number 3954.

11 Richard Addison Manning, born July 31, 1924, Washington, Conn.

Schooling: Washington Grammar School

War Service: Enlisted U. S. Navy November 1942  
Training at Newport Naval Base, R. I.  
Called to active service January 8, 1943  
March 1944, "special order discharge," medical, due to ill health and nervousness.

Unmarried: Lives at home with parents; employed as a machinist at Chase Brass and Copper Company, Waterbury, Conn.; his chief interest lies with automobiles and machinery.

11 Frances Althea Manning, born March 3, 1927, Washington, Conn.





Schooling: Graduate of Washington High School

Married: July 12, 1947, Harold Frederick Bunnell, born in Torrington, Conn; the son of  
Frederick George Bunnell, born at Litchfield, Conn.,  
and Louise (Clappuis) Bunnell, born at Warren, Conn.

Schooling: Graduate of Litchfield High School

Present work: Farmer at Litchfield; present leader (1952) of the  
4-H Club in Litchfield County; and Master of the  
Litchfield Grange.

Residence: R. F. D. 1, Litchfield, Conn.

Children:

- 12 Susan Louise Bunnell, born June 3, 1949, Torrington, Conn.
- 12 Kirby Manning Bunnell, born August 23, 1950, Torrington; died, age 22 months, June 26, 1952, of acute polio; buried in Milton Cemetery, Litchfield.
- 12 Althea Sharon Bunnell, b. Aug. 27, 1954, Litchfield.

Church: This branch of the Ned Manning family are Congregationalists.

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I never saw Uncle Billy but I have two remembrances of Uncle Ned.

Shortly after my mother's death, on his way to Mexico he stopped by Waco. Telephoning from the station he was walking, we awaited him on the front porch. My one clear memory is how very much he resembled "Uncle Sam."

Summer of 1911, Fannie and I went to New York for a week of sight-seeing. Following advice of a friend we walked across Brooklyn bridge, "for a better view of city and river!" This was a forenoon item; that same afternoon we saw the Statue of Liberty. Fannie completed the climb from elevator up, but not I. Next day Uncle Ned came to take us to West Point. The strenuous day before left Fannie so stiff she walked painfully. By street car we went to some point on the way to river pier, where Uncle Ned left us, saying time was short, to hurry on. Poor Fannie, aching in every joint, told me to follow him, she would keep her eye on my green hat! We reached the pier, Uncle Ned had the tickets, and again "Hurry!" He went hurrying off to the foot of an escalator which he took in three-step strides. This escalator was a new experience to us. Looking doubtly at those moving steps, hold each other fast, we ventured on and were ground up.

I wish I could recall a single feature of that day. Then fatigued sight-seeing always becomes a blurred memory with me, if I can remember at all.







Addison Berry Manning  
1852-1905



## ADDISON BERRY MANNING

9 Addison Berry Manning was born at Buena Vista June 24, 1852; died February 15, 1905, of typhoid pneumonia, at Denison, Texas; buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Parsons, Kansas.

Buena Vista is a popular name for home with fine views. Built by Grandpa Manning about 1850, Buena Vista commanded a fine view of the Valley of Virginia, the Blue Ridge and Cumberland Mountains, and at the foot of the eminence on which the old home stood, flowed the Shenandoah River.

Addison Manning's first step in the business world was as a druggist in Winchester, Virginia; after which he went west and in time became a railroad promoter and constructor of far reaching ability:

In 1872, he assisted in the extension of the Missouri-Pacific into Texas to Greenville

Later was assigned duty on the northern division of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas R. R.

Assisted in the construction of the Texas-Pacific from Sherman to Whitesboro, Texas

Assisted in the construction of the "Sunset Depot" in San Antonio, Texas

Was Master of Bridges and Buildings for the Cotton-Belt at Tyler, Texas

Assistant superintendent for the Texas-Pacific, headquarters at Marshall, Texas

Foreman of Bridges and Buildings for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul R. R., headquarters at DuBuque, Iowa

Assistant superintendent of D. and B. for the Iron Mountain R. R., at Little Rock, Arkansas

After the above wide experience, Addison Manning returned to the M. K. & T. in 1888, as Superintendent of Bridges and Buildings, headquarters at Parsons, Kansas, until 1901 when headquarters was moved to Denison, Texas.

His busy career included member in a Masonic Lodge in Virginia; and membership in the local school board and duty as Vestryman in the Episcopal Church at Parsons.

Addison Berry Manning brought a new name into the Manning family - Berry. With no Berry ancestors I attempt to account for this. Our grandmother, Martha (Patsy) Price Craighill and her double first cousin, Patsy Little, married brothers: Jacob Hite and Nathaniel William Manning. Jacob Hite died young and his one child lived but a few months. His widow, Patsy Craighill Manning, later married a Mr. Perry and moved to Baltimore. She was always spoken of with great affection as "Aunt Pat Derry." I believe that Grandma, to honor her girlhood cousin, slipped Derry into her youngest son's name.

On an earlier page I have told that Uncle Addy befriended my





brother, Manning Willis, with a position in the construction division of the M. K. & T. He also befriended me, as when I finished college and sought a teaching position, I was young, so timid looking, so inexperienced, my seeking in nearby Texas towns was futile, but Uncle Addy, then a member of the Parsons School Board, fended for me and I went to Parsons to teach in the grades. He gave our Aunt Fanny Manning a home for several years. Jack (John Howe) Little, our double third cousin, beginning as a ticket agent and telegrapher during Uncle Addy's years in Parsons, worked up to be Superintendent of Transportation for the entire M. K. & T. Here I must slip in this remark: Jack Little was the handsomest "kin" I have ever seen, evidently a true descendant of our ancestor, William Little, who was called the "handsome Scotsman."

Married: At Popular Bluff, Missouri, June 10, 1885, Sophronia Jane Doyle, born at Kentland, Indiana, March 7, 1865, the daughter of

John A. Doyle, born March 17, 1832, near Cincinnati, Ohio, son of Crawford and Margaret Fitzgerald Doyle, and of

Mary Ann Staton, born February 2, 1841, Kentland, Indiana, daughter of Samuel and Mary Ellen Shepherd Staton.

Aunt Phronie died February 23, 1915, at Denver; is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Parsons, Kansas. After Uncle Addy's death in 1905, as her eldest daughter was then living in Denver, Aunt Phronie moved to Denver to keep her family together. As I recall her, she had a voice quite musical in its soft sweetness, and her soft voice she has passed on to her three daughters. It was she, who fond of and kind to Aunt Fannie, named her youngest daughter Frances Lucas. Quoting Patsy: "My mother was an expert horsewoman, could ride or drive almost any horse; had a good singing voice; was an expert swimmer, once saving a friend from drowning."

Church: Episcopal

Children:

Patsy Ann Manning  
Sallie Mabel Manning  
Addison Berry Manning, Jr.  
Frances Lucas Manning

10 Patsy Ann Manning, born in Chetopa, Kansas, July 27, 1887, attended the public schools in Parsons; moved to Denison in 1901, and in her senior high school year gave up schooling for matrimony.

Married: April 7, 1906, Frederick Grover Loso, born July 27, 1882, in Missouri; died June 21, 1936, Denver, and was interred in Fairmont Cemetery, Denver. He was the son of Edward L. Lose, born August 16, 1844, Ohio, and of Anna Berry, born June 28, 1851, in Missouri.

Fred's paternal grandfather came from France, his name "Loiseau"





which was soon Americanized into "Loso".... At the time of his marriage Fred Loso was living at Kinsley, Kansas, where his parents had moved to take up a homestead. For a number of years Fred Loso managed the Denver and Riogrand R. R. Hotels and Dining Cars. In masonry he progressed from Blue Lodge # 43 A. F. and A. M. at Minturn, Colo.; the Chapter and Commandry at Provo, Utah; to the Shrine at Salt Lake City.

As I recall Fred Loso, he was very good looking, a kind husband and good provider. In looks, Patsy is more like her Aunt Mollie Manning Willis than any of my mother's daughters. Of Patsy, whom I know both in person and in her letters, I can say that "she lives up to all the light she has," and this can be said of very few people. She is thoughtful, kind, unselfish and most dependable. After Fred's death Patsy went to work for Shwayder Bros., Denver luggage manufacturers; for several years served on the Board of Directors of the Credit Union; at present works on Accounts Receivable in the Bookkeeping Department. Patsy belongs to the Eastern Star Chapter #109; has served on the Finance, Dining Room and Examining Committees; was hostess several times; served one year as Warden.

Church Affiliations: After serving as a Sunday School teacher for thirteen years at Ascension Episcopal Church, Denver, and three years at St. Mark's, Patsy recently has become a Christian Scientist.

Again I quote from Frances Drose's letter: "Both Sallie and Patsy well deserved the name of 'Manning.' I think Patsy has the best disposition of anyone I have ever known. She is truly patience personified; readily adjusts to circumstances with never a thought for herself; is completely unselfish. She has spent her life thinking of the other fellow, always willing to take the hard part for herself."

Residence: With her sister Frances, at 180 South Franklin, Denver 9.

10 Sallie Mabel Manning, born Chetopa, Kansas, February 9, 1889; died February 11, 1951, in St. Luke's Hospital in Denver, from cancer of the lung; lived but two weeks after X-rays; interment in Fairmont Cemetery, Denver.

Schooling: Parsons, Kansas, Public Schools  
Music student in convent at Denison, Texas

Sallie's younger sister, Frances Drose, wrote December 9, 1952: "I spent more time with little Sallie the last year she was living than I had been able to before, and found she had so many lovely qualities. I have never known a mother with more devotion and faith in her children. The war years were very difficult and nerve wrecking for her, with both boys in the fighting and no husband at home to comfort her as I had. She wrote to each of them every day - letters filled with encouragement and interesting bits of news, and of course filled with her witty sayings. She never lost her humor and wit, even in the hospital right up to the last. She had such courage; never mentioned





her illness nor cried out in distress nor asked for anything. Sallie surely was one of the very bravest."

Married: Denver, February 14, 1910, Martin L. Boss, born at Lafayette, Ga.; died January 17, 1937, interred in Fairmont Cemetery; the son of  
Henry Wilson Boss, born January 14, 1844; died February 7, 1904, and of  
Mary Lucinda Morgan, born January 28, 1843; died April 12, 1900.

Both of Martin's parents were born on adjoining farms at Malamora Cove, Walker County, Ga., about 18 miles south of Chattanooga, Tenn. In the Civil War, Henry Boss Served in the 39th Georgia Infantry, and later in the 6th Georgia. He returned from the war in 1865 and in 1866 married his childhood sweetheart, Mary L. Morgan. They moved to a farm near La Fayette and reared a family of seven, Martin being their sixth child. For many years Martin Boss was a Railroad Express Manager.

Church: Ascension Episcopal

Children:

Richard Hugh Boss  
Martin Grover Boss

11 Richard Hugh Boss was born in Denver, March 17, 1919.

Schooling: Graduate of South Denver High School  
Two-year student Denver University

War Service: Four years in the Air Force  
Training at Shepherd Field, Texas  
Kingman, Arizona, and  
Lowry Air Field, Colorado  
Turret gunner of a B-17  
Flew 54 missions over Germany

Awards: Purple heart with cluster  
Air medal with five clusters  
Distinguished Flying Cross  
Citation for enemy planes destroyed  
President's citation with cluster

It seems a far stretch from the above flyer's record to the dignified little boy of eight who was a nice guide, 1927, when I was on a visit in Denver.

Following his father's death, Richard was employed by the same Express Company for which his father worked. After his marriage was employed by the Orthopedic Shoe Company in Boston. At present is remodeling his mother's home in Denver and attending a Radio School.





Married: In the Little Church Around the Corner, New York, to  
Marie Ellen Raleigh, born February 4, 1928, in Boston,  
the only child of  
Dr. James W. Raleigh, born Springfield, Mass., May 8,  
1898, and of  
Dora (Donicer) Raleigh, born July 26, 1902, Boston.

Present address: 41 Grandview Ave., Wollaston 10, Mass.

Her schooling: High School graduate, Boston

Student of Boston Art College  
12. Cynthia Ann Boss, b. Feb. 24, 1954, General Rose Hospital  
Church: Ascension Episcopal Denver, Colo.

11 Martin Grover Boss, born Denver, Colorado, April 10, 1924

Schooling: Graduate of South Denver High School  
One and one-half year student Denver University -  
before entering War  
Member Sigma Alpha Epsilon Social Fraternity

While attending college Martin worked for the United Press in  
Denver.

War Service: Enlisted for Marines  
Trained at Catalina Island, California, and at  
Brighton Marine Hospital, Brighton, Mass.  
Purser on the U. S. S. "Seguin"  
Saw action both in Atlantic and Pacific Areas  
Discharged as Lieutenant (j.g.)

Awards: Service ribbons for Pacific and Atlantic  
Marine Distinguished Service Medal

After his discharge from service, Martin studied advertising  
and was employed by the Pacific National Advertising Company in  
Spokane, Wash.

With Pacific Tel. Co.  
Present work: Manager of a Radio Station in Spokane  
9511 East 4th St., Opportunity, Wash.  
Residence: 3214 East 20th Street, Spokane.

Church: Former member Ascension Episcopal Church, Denver.

Married: August 26, 1946, Spokane, Joyce Ann Husemoen, born  
February 7, 1926, at Enderlin, North Dakota; daughter of  
Oscar Husemoen, born August 13, 1890, Enderlin,  
North Dakota; and of  
Edna Amanda (Olson) Husemoen, born December 6, 1893,  
at Lyle, Minnesota.

Schooling: Graduate West Seattle High School





Children:

- 12 Martin Grover Boss, Jr., born January 29, 1948, Boston Mass.
  - 12 Richard Oscar Boss, born January 4, 1950, Spokane, Wash.
  - 12 Stephanie Manning Boss, born March 7, 1951, Spokane,
  - 12 Zenda Elicia Boss, born September 19, 1952, Spokane.
- 10 Addison Berry Manning, Jr., was born in Parsons, Kansas, October 9, 1894; moved to Denison, Texas, 1901; then to Denver, Colorado, shortly after the death of his father in 1905; died January 3, 1947, following a stroke on January 1st, while wintering on Catalina Island, California with his wife and daughter Marcia; buried in Fairmount Cemetery, Denver.

Schooling: Student at Denver Corona and Latin Schools  
Graduate of Denver East High School, 1913  
One-year student University of Colorado  
September 1914 entered Denver University Law School  
Graduated, cum laude, 1917  
Member Beta Theta Pi social fraternity  
Member Phi Alpha Delta, legal fraternity

Profession: Law, which he practiced after graduation until his death.

Masonic and Club Memberships:

Past Master of Inspiration Lodge A. F. & A. M.  
Past High Priest of Park Hill Chapter Royal Masons  
Past Illustrious Master of the Council  
Member Coronal Chapter Knight Templars  
Shriner  
Member Denver Bar Association and Law Club  
Member Denver Athletic Club:

Church: Member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Married: June 26, 1915, in the home of her parents, Gertrude Isabelle Cooper, born February 25, 1896, in Pueblo, Colorado, the daughter of:  
William Wiseman Cooper, born May 28, 1868, in Salem, Indiana, and of  
Josephine (Parr) Cooper, born April 11, 1871, in Salem, Indiana

Her Schooling:

Student Carlisle School in Pueblo  
Graduate East Denver High, 1913  
Graduate Colorado Woman's College, June 1915, "Associate Domestic Science"  
Member Beta Sigma Omicron social sorority

Present work:

"I am now secretary to the Executive of the Social



Service Exchange of Denver; have learned the Russell Recordex Filing System. I like my work, as I work with well educated people, which is a pleasure. Many of the office personnel have their Master's Degree in Social Work. Our files contain over 70,000 names and I am in charge of them all. I had to take a vow never to mention names in these files, and how glad I am that I did! These files contain names of socially prominent people, Juvenile Court names of people I know - even of neighbors in trouble, names of young unmarried mothers, and these make my heart very sad. All these names I recognize, I file and try to forget.

"Because of my life with Addison, I have been stronger and more able to meet life without him. Addison was fearless; had a brilliant mind; never said 'I can't,' and taught me that if one is not afraid the 'thing' can be done. I have tried since Addison's death to know that life is good, no matter what happens to me; and that with courage, faith and strength, I can meet life face to face and conquer its problems. Addison taught me that money spent on education was never wasted; anything learned, an asset; that money spent for books, music, violins, harps, pianos, strings, riding, golfing, swimming, on good plays or concerts, was never lost or wasted. Our children have appreciated such worth while things and have become better and happier citizens. I am proud that all four married children have established real American homes, are doing their civic duties as well as their other work:"

Church: Members, Gertrude and Marcia, St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

Residence: 2528 Dexter Street, Denver 7.

Children:

Gertrude Virginia Manning  
Addison Berry Manning III  
Marian Josephine Manning  
Eleanor Cooper Manning  
Marcia Louise Manning

11 Gertrude Virginia Manning, born April 12, 1916, Denver.

Schooling: Park Hill Elementary; Smiley Junior High  
Graduate East Denver High, June 1933  
Scholarship student Denver University  
June 1938, B. A. degree, Denver University  
Member Pi Beta Phi, social sorority

Married: Denver, December 28, 1938, Stephen W. Crombie, born in Denver January 8, 1916; the son of  
George Crombie, born Pelau-on-Tyne, England, and of  
Catherine (Stephen) Crombie, born Orkney Islands,  
Scotland.

His schooling: Graduate Byers Jr. High and South Denver High





Schools.

Denver University, 1936, B. S. degree in Business  
Administration

Member Sigma Phi Epsilon, social fraternity.

War Service: November 1942 enlisted in Navy  
Training at Cornell University  
Commissioned Ensign, January 1, 1943  
South Pacific, April 1943 on the "President Jackson" -  
a combat transport, and  
Was on five major battles in Solomon Islands  
Later stationed at Fort Huachuca, Calif.  
Discharged as Lieutenant, Inactive Reserve,  
November 1945.

Awards: Asiatic Ribbon with five clusters  
American Theatre Ribbon  
Victory Medal  
President's Citation with ribbon

Present work: With the M. L. Foso, Inc. Machine Tools, Denver.

Residence: 2901 Ash Street, where Steve and Gertrude own their  
home.

Pastimes and Hobbies:

Steve has many hobbies. He has built a motor boat and is now  
making light out-board racers. Has built a trailer to hold his  
boat; the family gets in the car, and off they go to Salt Lake City,  
or wherever the races happen to be held that week-end. Gertrude  
also loves to hunt and fish, and last year (1951) she got her deer  
before the men did.

Civic Activities, Talent:

Gertrude is active in Girl Scout work, with her two daughters;  
is a "P. E. O.;" a Pi Beta Phi alumna worker; and a P. T. A. officer.  
Gertrude plays the piano, and she with Marian and Marcia have done  
some very nice music as a trio.

Church: Members Park Hill Congregational Church

Children:

- 12 Joan Catherine Crombie, born Denver, October 5, 1941
- 12 Carolyn Gertrude Crombie, born Denver, April 9, 1945

"Joan is taking piano lessons; has composed and written music for  
a song - a gift to me of which I am very proud. She is a Girl Scout.  
Carolyn does fine school work and is a Brownie."

11 Addison Berry Manning III was born March 29, 1919, Denver.

Schooling: Park Hill and Stevens Elementary, Morey Junior High  
Graduate East Denver High School, June 1936





June 1940, graduate Colorado School of Mines, Golden,  
Colo., Geologist with Geophysics major.  
Member Alpha Tau Omega, social fraternity  
Member Tau Beta, honorary engineering fraternity  
Member R. C. T. C.

High School and College Awards:

Won his high school football letter  
Member State Champion Relay Track Team  
Won Prize as outstanding Freshman; was Sophomore President  
Awarded the Wolf Medal - the highest honor for a graduating Senior  
Was given the Geophysics award, and the  
Thomas Arkle Fraternity award.  
(Worked in the Dean's office and tutored math.)

After graduation Addison went to Dallas, Texas, where he was employed by the Magnolia Petroleum Company. As he graduated from the School of Mines as a 2nd Lieut. in the Corps of Engineers, Officers Reserve, he was called into active service February 1942.

War Service: Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri  
Appointed to the Engineer Board, Ft. Belvoir, Va.  
(where he worked on research in demolition and designed a demolition kit that was used by paratroops - but he wanted to fly!  
Transferred for training in Air Force  
Earned his wings at Waco, Texas, October 1943  
Flew his B-24 to the European Theatre  
Flew in the Invasion, June 1944  
His missions completed, he returned February 1945  
Assigned to inactive duty as Captain in Air Force, August 1945

Awards: Distinguished Flying Cross plus Oak Leaf Cluster  
Air Medal with five Oak Leaf clusters  
His lead crew received a citation from General Doolittle for a bombing mission over Hamburg.

Masonic and Club Memberships:

A Charter Member of the William W. Cooper Lodge -  
named for his mother's father  
Member of Denver Athletic Club  
Chairman of the Athletic Committee of Colorado School of Mines (1952-53)

Church: Episcopal Epiphany

Married: Denver, August 31, 1940, Beverly Kern, born June 30, 1919,  
the only daughter of  
Dr. Beverly F. Kern, born in Denver, and of  
Ethel (Hoover) Kern, also born in Denver.



Her schooling:

Attended Morey Junior High, Denver  
Graduate East Denver High School, June 1936  
Graduate Denver University, June 1940, with the  
B. S. degree, majoring in Chemistry  
Member Alpha Chi Omega and Iota Sigma Pi-  
honorary Chemistry Fraternities  
Was member of the Pan-Hellenic Council

Residence: 337 Ash Street, Denver

Work and Recreation: "After the war, Beverly and Addison decided to live in Denver and now own their home. Addison is associated with the K. C. Construction Supply Company. For recreation he plays golf; likes to square dance; likes to hunt, usually getting his deer; likes to work with wood. For his mother he has made lovely white oak bookcases; also a tiny jewel box with inlay work; for his wife and daughter, beautiful wardrobe closets, personalized for size.

Two adopted children:

Mary Beverly Manning, born May 25, 1949; Denver.  
Addison Berry Manning IV, born March 11, 1952, Denver.

"Addison and Beverly are wonderful parents. Beverly talks to Mary as if she were a grown person. Mary already has a large vocabulary and takes a real interest in words. Billy (called so to avoid the confusion of successive 'Addisons') is doing all the cute baby tricks and is adorable.

11 Marian Josephine Manning was born in Denver, December 11, 1920

Schooling: Park Hill and Stevens Elementary; Morey Junior High  
Graduate East Denver Junior High, June 1938  
Scholarship student Denver University  
Pledged Pi Beta Phi social sorority, but not initiated.

"The war was in the offing and Marian became very much interested in young Robert Plunkett."

Talent: Marian began violin lessons when six or seven. She worked hard and in time became Concert Master in the All City Schools Orchestra. Won a Second Place Medal while in High School in the State Music Contest.

Marian at sixteen was a member of the Denver Civic Orchestra. Later in Tucson, Arizona, as Mrs. Robert Plunkett, played with the University of Arizona Symphony Orchestra. After returning to Denver she became a member of the Business Men's Orchestra.

Married: In Denver, March 16, 1942, Robert Desserich Plunkett, who flew to Denver for his wedding from Stockton, Calif. He was born in Denver January 12, 1920, the son of





Abbott H. Plunkett, and of  
Estelle (Desserich) Plunkett, both born in Denver.

His Schooling: Graduate of Morey Junior and East Denver High Schools  
Student Denver University until sent to California  
by the Air Force  
Member Kappa Sigma social fraternity

War Service: Learned to fly as a civilian in 1941  
Enlisted in Air Force fall of 1941  
Received his wings at Stockton Field, Calif.,  
May 1942 - at once was made an instructor, and  
sent to:  
Mather Field, then Chico, Calif;  
Tucson, then Warren, Arizona (at which last place he  
taught Chinese night flying!)  
In 1945, as 1st Lieut., was retired to inactive re-  
serve, and was given his Captaincy later.

Gertrude comments: "Robert is a fine man, a good husband and  
father; is making great strides in his business as a factory representative  
for several furniture stores, whose interests take him to Chicago and  
Martinsville, West Virginia, twice a year.

Residence: In Denver - their new home at 2136 South Madison Street.

Church: Robert Plunkett is a member of St. Vincent DePaul's Catholic  
Church, and Marian attends with him.

Children:

12 Bonnie Kathleen Plunkett, born Tucson, Arizona, August  
13, 1944

12 Ronald Desserich Plunkett, born Denver, July 30, 1946

12 Dianne Marie Plunkett, born Denver, September 1, 1950 *at Hospital*

12 Larry Manning Plunkett, b. Nov. 21, 1953, at Joseph's Hospital *Denver*

"Bob and 'Ming' as even her children call her, enjoy their home,  
and as a family of five 'go picnic' in their own backyard or in the  
mountains where they have a lovely mountain home. For Bonnie they have  
a doll house, complete with awnings, flower boxes, and a real front  
door knocker; for Ronnie, a big chug wagon and a large Indian tent.

"Bonnie and Ronnie are now taking riding lessons and doing well.  
Ming is a Brownie leader with Bonnie's group.

"Gertrude and Marian have real talent for planning fun and parties.  
They had a circus for their own children which really was a wonderful  
backyard feature: real costumes, good patter, lots of acts, tents and  
'trimmings.' It was such a success that the Denver Post printed  
pictures and a story, after which some interested parents asked Gertrude  
and Marian to put it on for their children at a good price. This they  
did not, but it was flattering just the same. They now have 'Designs  
along the Party Line,' a hat show, some wonderful shower parties, and  
a newer one called 'Crazy Casualities,' a take-off on the new style shows.





This is indeed very funny and has been rented many times by various clubs and sororities. So now their 'parties' have a copyright, a hobby which is lots of fun. So numerous were requests for their party ideas the Denver Post gave them a write-up, advising frustrated planners, program chairmen, and others to call given 'phone numbers' for 'packaged programs complete' - price \$5.00!

11 Eleanor Cooper Manning (Coke) was born July 31, 1923, in Denver.

Schooling: Park Hill, Stevens Elementary; Morey Junior High  
Fourth-year student East Denver High

"Eleanor was the beauty in our family, and perhaps had too much personality. With her quick mind she could keep ahead in her classes without too much hard work, but she did not care for school. Two months before graduation she dropped out and went to work; was much happier. She plays the piano nicely by ear, so 'why bother to learn the notes?' She is gifted with a love for people, has a real talent for making everyone feel at ease and comfortable. Her outlook on life is more that of a man than a woman's. She sees the sham in so-called society, and would much rather go to the hills or beach than to a tea. Eleanor was a member of the Chevy Chase Riding Club and won ribbons for her horsemanship.

Married: A war bride, in Denver, January 8, 1944, to Leonard Francis Gerkenmeyer, born September 9, 1921, Oakland, Calif; son of  
Charles Frederick Gerkenmeyer, born in Chicago,  
and of  
Anne (Christensen) Gerkenmeyer, born at Appleton,  
Wisconsin.

Leonard was reared by a foster grandmother, 'Granny' McGillan, as were his brothers and sisters; and as was their mother Anne Christensen, left motherless at birth. Anne married, died age 37 in giving birth to her tenth child, and her husband died soon thereafter. The dauntless warm-hearted 'Granny' welcomed all to her home, sent them to school, lived to see all married before her death in 1949. Frank McGillan and Anne wanted the children reared in the Catholic Church, as they were, but 'Granny' herself was a Methodist.

Len's schooling:

Student St. Vincent's Academy, San Rafael, Calif.  
Graduate St. Ignatius High School, San Francisco.

War Service: Corporal in Air Force, Lowry Field, Denver  
After marriage sent to E. T. C. - a flyer  
After the Battle of the Bulge was transferred to  
the Infantry; thence on in  
General Patton's Army into Munich  
Discharged fall of 1945.





His work: Before joining the Air Force, Len worked for the Bank of America in Monterey, California. After his discharge he returned to this bank, and January 1946 the family, then three, moved to Monterey, and by July 1951 were very happy in a new home of their own. This called for a financial struggle and 'Coke' had to help out. She became Dental Assistant to Col. Kelly at Camp Ord - quite a responsible position. She has a Miss Brown, a real colored 'Mammy' to take care of the children, and from all reports, the children love 'Miss Brown' and Miss Brown from Alabama loves them.

"The above happy situation came to an end in late 1952 when Len was made Assistant Cashier in the Bank of America at Santa Cruz, Calif. Their beloved Monterey home had to be sold, but the move was a good one. Len is well liked by his superiors. He is also Treasurer of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Coke is President of the Jay Cee wives. She was on an Ike Committee and attended the big rally in San Francisco. All in all they have taken root in Santa Cruz, and are doing a 'fine job' with their children (another is expected in April) Wherever she is Eleanor radiates happiness, which makes for a happy home. I can well be proud of Len and Coke, working, raising a family, making friends happy, and just being citizens.

Church: Eleanor is still a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Denver, but attends church with Leonard who is a Catholic.

*118 Los Encinos Court*

Residence: ~~184 South 47th Street~~, Santa Cruz, Calif.

Children:

12 James Lynn Gerkenmeyer, born Denver, May 30, 1945

12 Laura Ann Gerkenmeyer, born Monterey, Calif., August 26, 1946

12 Linda Suzanne Gerkenmeyer, born Monterey, July 31, 1948

12 *Marilyn Louise* " *b. Mch. 31, 1953, Santa Cruz, Calif.*

Jimmy was born while his father was in Germany, and Linda Sue honored her mother's 25th birthday.

11 Marcia Louise Manning was born in Denver, June 15, 1933

"Marcia was born ten years after Eleanor and right in the middle of the depression. She was supposed to have come the night Gertrude graduated from high school, but she waited five long days! I came home from the hospital on Addison's and my 18th wedding anniversary, and what a home coming it was! We all were happy over the new baby, the older children loving and planning for her, and somehow, even in the depth of money worries, our world took on a new light as she seemed to give so much to all of us."

Schooling: Graduate Smiley Junior High  
Graduate East Denver High School, June 1951  
Scholarship student University of Colorado  
Member Kappa Alpha Theta





Fall of 1952:  
Rush Captain for her sorority, and  
Secretary of Montgomery Hall

"Marcia was 'head girl' at Smiley Junior and that helped her to meet new people and have no fear of them. She might have a question to ask the Mayor, or have to talk to the girls about something, but always she seemed instinctively to have the right approach. She rarely uses the pronoun 'I.'

"At Marcia's high school graduation we all sat together, twelve of us in a row. Addison, Jr. brought me a beautiful orchid and a lovely letter, thanking me for all the sacrifices I had made to help them to help themselves get an education. I felt very proud of my five children, grateful for all their love for me and their baby sister. All of the children, as well as the 'in-law' children have given me so much love and advice and help."

A Colorado Springs newspaper carried the following regarding Marcia's high school graduation: "Marcia Manning has been awarded the \$4,000 Alice Demis Taylor Scholarship to Colorado College... This scholarship, awarded annually since 1947, totals \$1,000 a year for four years at Colorado College, and 'is one of the most lucrative in the nation,' according to E. C. Freyschlag, Director of College Public Relations. Selected from a list of sixteen final outstanding applicants from all parts of the nation, Miss Manning has been one of East Denver High School's outstanding students, graduating in the upper 3 percent of her senior class, numbering approximately 685."

At Colorado College Marcia is majoring in languages, and is working toward a travel scholarship in Europe for summer of 1953.

"Marcia has had a well-rounded life for a child with an older mother. Her brother and sisters see to that - see that she has every opportunity to do the things their father let them do. Gertrude and Steve like to ski and skate, as well as fish and camp out. Whenever they go on a trip or ski, Marcia is asked to go along. Addison likes to swim, play golf, and so he helps her with his hobbies.

Riding Skill: "Marcia loves to ride and has been in many Horse Shows, rides English Saddle and entered in the Show Seat and Hands Class. She has never owned a horse, but has 7 cups and 35 ribbons to her credit. She bought an old second hand Tux for 'a song,' had it remodeled, wore an old silk hat, and really looked as nicely outfitted when she rode in the Stock Show as did the girls with their tailor-made riding habits... I have had so much fun with Marsh and her Hunt Riding Club, which gives teas, dances, holds meetings, and Marsh was their president for two years. These girls kept my outlook young. Now this phase of Marcia's life is over; she is growing up so fast, Ming's little Bonnie is taking lessons, about ready for the English Saddle. Perhaps she will be a good rider, and then I can again go to the Horse Shows with the girls.





Married:

Marcia Louise Manning }  
and } of Denver  
Ensign Richard Harper Frie }

June 18, 1955

St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
Denver, Colo.



Talent in music: "Marian, the violinist, was eager for the little sister to play the violin, gave her lessons. Marcia worked hard and did well. The day after Marian married and left home, Marcia said, 'I think I do not need to take violin lessons from anyone now. I just worked hard to please him. I really want to play a harp.' Then she was nine, her father found her a small-sized harp, and Marcia started lessons. She worked hard and did well for two years, and then her teacher, whom she loved very much, passed away. It was like losing a sister. Without a teacher she worked on by herself, just taking a lesson now and then. Before entering college, Marcia and her harp were much in demand for Denver weddings and other musical occasions.

"Then we went to Catalina where Addison passed away, January 3, 1947, Marsh went to school there and liked that school very much. This school did not teach the Progressive System, but taught facts. It was a good experience for Marsh, as once again she had to learn to meet people and make friends quickly. She was a great comfort to Addison during his last illness, always understanding what he wanted or needed. Since Addison's death, Marcia always seems to know when I need bolstering and love.

After Addison, Jr.'s death, Gertrude, with four children married and gone, sold the larger house and bought a smaller one. In a later letter she commented: "We now have a very small house but a very large harp." Then Marcia went to college, so did her harp! There she finds time to play for friends and occasions.

Church: Gertrude and Marcia Manning are members of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Denver.

Residence: 2528 Dexter Street, Denver 7.

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Comment: The authority on heredity, Higgan, would find in Marcia proof of his claim that children inherit chiefly from grandparents - their talents, looks, traits, etc. It will be recalled that Uncle Addy's wife, Aunt Phronie, "could ride or drive almost any horse." Also that she had a good singing voice; and if my mother's claim that all her family of six had talent in music, playing or singing, then to Gertrude, Marian and Marcia can be traced back their talent in music.

And, I am sure all will agree with me that Uncle Addy's youngest grandchild is no Anti-climax!

A letter from Gertrude, March 2; "Marcia was elected Vice-President of Associated Women Students and is a delegate to the National Convention in Columbus, Ohio, thus missing Easter and Spring vacation at home." It is interesting to know of another Marcia Manning, now a student at Smith College!

10 Frances Lucas Manning was born July 19, 1900, at Parsons,





Kansas.

Schooling: Graduate East Denver High School  
Graduate Denver Business College

Married: In Denver, March 24, 1923, to Jackson Stanley Drose, born in Chicago, December 5, 1896; died in Denver, May 3, 1949; interred in Fairmount Cemetery. Stanley was the fourth of the eight children born to  
Valentine and Louise Drose of Chicago. Valentine Drose was of German Parentage.

War Service: U. S. Marines in World War I

His schooling:

Second-year student Northwestern University when he left for war service, after which  
Enrolled at La Salle University and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration.

Frances writes: "For twenty-five years Stanley was Manager Secretary and Treasurer for the F. C. Ayres Milling and Grain Co. Denver. His name had been submitted and a bracket found for his business association for membership in the Denver branch of 'International Rotary,' but his death came before his initiation.

"Stanley came to Denver a stranger but in time made many, many friends, both in business and socially. He was an ardent football fan, always supporting the Denver U. team; also loved gardening. He had such a quiet, a fire way with everyone, and I am sure no family of four could ever have been happier. One wonders why such perfect happiness must end. Our lives were so ideal and complete, and yet I know we must be eternally grateful for those twenty-six wonderful years together.

"We belonged to several social clubs; dancing and bridge. Perhaps I was the 'joiner' in the family: once President of the P. T. A.; now a member of the C. N. Chapter of the P. E. O.; a philanthropic organization, called the Sphinx; and also on several church committees.

Church affiliation: "Stanley and I shared much happiness in our membership in the Christian Science Church. Our boys attended Sunday School from ages of two and four until joining the Navy. These boys made our life supremely happy."

Of Frances, Patsy writes: "Frances has many talents; sings well; sews beautifully, good housekeeper, with beautiful arrangement of furniture."

Before her marriage and after graduation from Business College, Frances Manning worked in the Accounting Department of the Denver and Rio Grande R. R. Since Stanley's death, Frances Drose is again working - holding a position in the Analysis Department of the Denver National Bank. At first an eight hour day left her "terribly tired," but a later





letter mentions adjustment, the work becoming easier, that she really likes it, and is also catching up with her "home work." Being employed is better than being at home alone all day.

Children:

Jackson Stanley Drose, Jr.  
Donald Frederick Drose

- 11 Jackson Stanley Drose, Jr. (Jack) was born in Denver, April 2, 1924.

Schooling: Graduate of South Denver High  
First year student Denver University previous to war service, and then later  
Graduate of Denver U. with degree in Electrical Engineering.  
Member Sigma Alpha Epsilon

War Service: Preferred to be drafted rather than applying for officer training under V-12  
Served three and a half years in the Navy, his training:  
Examinations at Camp Farragut, Idaho, preceded  
Training in electronics and radar  
Qualified with high rating at the University of Houston  
Sent to Corpus Christi for advanced training  
Assigned to a Navy Aircraft experimental station  
Worked on top secret radar and electronic installation  
Flew in Navy Aircraft while "checking out,"  
Testing remote control; and similar experiments.

Present work: Employed by the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company as Analytical Statistician.

Residence: 1373 South Garfield Street, Denver - Jack's hobby is photography.

Married: March 5, 1950, Denver by their Methodist pastor at the home of her parents, a twin, Vera Edith Nelms, born December 12, 1923, at Ft. Morgan, Colo.; the daughter of  
Jeremiah Nelms, born in Kentucky, and of  
Emma Jane (Stine) Nelms, born in Louisville, Ky.

Her schooling: Graduate of Ft. Morgan High School  
Four year student, Pre-Med School, Denver University  
Second-year student Medical School, Denver, U.

Present work: Holds a highly technical position in the Research Department of Colorado General Hospital, her research including use of an instrument called "tocodynamometer."



Of a serious mind, Vera spent her college years in study, rarely indulging in social life.

Church: . Presbyterian

11 Donald Frederick Drose was born in Denver, April 19, 1926

Schooling: Graduate of South Denver High School -  
his war service then -  
Two-year student Mechanical Engineering, Denver Univ. -  
then changed to the  
Study of Architecture and Building Industry  
Expects to graduate June 1953  
Member Sigma Alpha Epsilon

War Service: Enlisted in Navy before 18, choosing radar and radio training:  
Training at Great Lakes, Wright Jr. College, Chicago, University of Houston, and Treasure Island, California  
Assigned USS "Hamblen," - amphibious personnel assault ship  
At Mobile, Ala., aided in commissioning new ship, installing communication equipment, radio and radar.  
Served on board ship 10 months in South Pacific  
The Hamblen was carrying troops to Sasebo, Japan, when Atom Bomb was dropped, thus ending the war.

Donald's hobby or pastime: Skiing

Frances writes: "Dear Cousin Louise: Donald has just finished typing an information about the family, and incidently left out most of my superlatives. You know how mothers are when they talk about their children (every crow thinks her chicks the blackest!) - but, really, Donald is one in a million. He has been so considerate and devoted, given me such wonderful support at a time when life seemed to be falling apart completely. Our family life had been so wonderful when we were all together, and then suddenly Addison, Stanley and Sallie were gone. Jack was married, our home broken up and everything changed.

"Two years ago we sold our home and bought an older house, quite run down. In addition to his class work, Donald has found time to completely remodel both the inside and outside into an attractive and convenient home. When he finishes college this June, his work may take him elsewhere - a change I dread."

Residence: 180 South Franklin, Denver 9. This address also for Patsy Manning Loso.







Lucy Edrington Manning  
1854-1933





## A U N T L U C Y

9 Manning, Lucy Edrington born at "Luena Vista," near Charles Town, Virginia, June 21, 1854; died at Shepherds-town, West Virginia, March 20, 1933; buried in Zion Church yard, Charles Town, W. Va.

Aunt Lucy lived all her married life in Winchester, Va., Youngest of her family of six sisters and brothers, and living nearest Charles Town, from which the other married four had moved away, her "Winchester home became the old age "haven" for:

Her father, Nathaniel William Manning, who outliving his wife's death in 1876 by three years, passed some of this period in Aunt Lucy's home dying at evening service in the Winchester Presbyterian Church, 1879, from a stroke.

Her husband's father, the Reverend Robert Taylor Berry, retired Presbyterian minister, died in her home.

Great Uncle James Monroe Manning, passed his last years in this home. Little Patsy, sent up to call him to breakfast, came back saying, "Uncle Roe is still asleep." A stroke, and he had slept on into the Hereafter. Some one aptly says, "Our Heavenly Father is especially kind to those of His children whom He lets die in their sleep:" and lastly -

Aunt Fannie Lucas Manning, Aunt Lucy's oldest sister, died in this home, June 11/12, 1909.

From the above one readily understands Miss Julia Reinhart saying Aunt Lucy was one of the best women she ever knew.

Married: At Charles Town, October 13, 1874, to Arthur Holmes Berry, born December 25, 1852, Martinsburg, Va., the son of: The Reverend Robert Taylor Berry, born in King George County, Va., and Ann Frame (Griggs) Berry, born at Charles Town, Va.

Uncle Holmes Berry died in Winchester in 1915, and is buried in Zion Churchyard, Charles Town, W. Va., by side of Aunt Lucy.

I saw Uncle Holmes but once, the summer of 1911 in Winchester, and one remarkable fact lingers: commenting on his beautiful teeth he replied, "I am 59 years old; have never lost a tooth, never had a filling."

Family hearsay always praised Uncle Holmes for his good looks, his bright charming manners. For long years he was a druggist in Winchester, then later became a relief clerk in Winchester, Harpers Ferry, and Charles Town.

Children: 10 Catherine Rose Berry, born 1876 - a beautiful child





who died at three years.

10 Patsy Manning Berry, born September 29, 1879,  
Winchester.

Schooling: Graduate Winchester High School  
Three year student Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia with the R. N. degree in 1903.

One year experience in private nursing.

In looks, young Patsy was dark, above medium height, with very curly hair, in fact, very like her handsome father whom she adored. After long years "off duty," she still moves with the quiet efficiency of a well trained nurse, every gesture counting. Her happy married life in Shepherdstown, W. Va., had a tragic ending: her husband, Edward Reinhart, had telephoned from Martinsburg that he could not get home in time for supper, not to wait for him. Patsy and some friends sat playing cards when an impulse moved her to look out to see if he had come - to find him fallen on the back door step, a heart attack from which he did not rally, November 5, 1927.

At that time the Edward Reinharts were living in one of the handsomest red brick homes in Shepherdstown, surrounded by a spacious lawn. When her lovely home was sold, Patsy sought to augment her income: at first by being a housemother for girls in Shepherds College; and then later went to Orange, Va., as a companion to the retired Shepherdstown Rector and his wife, and with them she remained until death claimed both - a period of six years.

In Orange her friends became many, and these friends pass her about in a day after day round of social courtesies when she returns for a visit.

Maintaining a home in Shepherdstown (address: Box 212), where she spends the summers, Patsy divides the rest of the year with long winter visits with her daughter in East Orange, N. J., and shorter visits with her son in Baltimore.

Married: In Winchester, August 29, 1904, to Edward Latimer Reinhart, born December 31, 1875, Jefferson County, W. Va.; died November 5, 1927; buried in Shepherdstown Cemetery; the son of Edward Hess Reinhart and Lucy (Quigley) Reinhart, both natives of Shepherdstown.

Schooling: Graduate Shepherdstown High School  
Graduate of Shepherds College  
Student of Pharmacy in Washington, D. C.

With the above study of drugs, Edward Reinhart became a salesman for the Sharpe & Dohme Drug Company and so continued until his death.





Children: Edward Holmes Reinhart  
Lucy Van Swearingen Reinhart

11 Edward Holmes Reinhart, born September 24, 1905, at Shepherdstown.

Schooling: Graduate Shepherdstown High School  
One-year student Shepherds College  
One-year student Hampden-Sydney College at Hampden-Sydney, Va.

War Service: Entered the Navy, November 16, 1942, Newport, R. I.  
In recruiting service, Washington, D. C.  
Transferred to Fleet Marines, with training at Camp Le Jeune, N. C.  
Transferred to Camp Pendleton, Calif.  
Active service in South Pacific  
In Battle of Iwo Jima  
Discharged from Navy, November 20, 1945

Previous to his war service, Holmes had traveled as a salesman for Sharpe & Dohme, as did his father; now for the Lederle Drug Co.

Residence address: 2625 Old Joppa Road, Baltimore 14, Md.

Married first: In St. Timothy's Church, Catonsville, Maryland, October 16, 1930 to Elizabeth Lawton Hunter ("Bootie"), born in Catonsville, the daughter of: Archibald James Hunter and Elizabeth Thomas (Lawton) Hunter, both natives of Baltimore.

Church: Episcopal

One son: Edward Holmes Reinhart, Jr., born September 1, 1934, in Baltimore.

Schooling: Attended Kowerstone Kindergarten, Boys' Latin School, St. Paul's School, and at present a student at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, from which he will finish in February of 1953.

For his life work, young Edward Holmes is considering either the ministry or the government Forestry Service.

Elizabeth and Holmes were divorced in 1937. Holmes, Jr., lives with his mother, now Mrs. J. T. Haxall, at 1403 Park Avenue, Baltimore.

Second marriage: Westminster, Md., June 27, 1938 to Carmen Dale Schamel, born September 27, 1911, Leitersburg, Md., the daughter of Robert Peter Schamel, born January 14, 1883, Lydia, Md.; and Maud (Adams) Schamel, born October 9, 1883 at





Clearsprings, Md.

Schooling: Graduate of Hagerstown, Md., High School  
Graduate of State Teachers College at Towson, Md.  
Carmen taught school for eight years: 1932-1940

Church: Lutheran

One daughter:

12 Vicki Lane Reinhart, born at San Diego, Calif.,  
February 14, 1945 (Grandma Patsy said Vicki was a  
beautiful little girl)

11 Lucy Van Swearingen Reinhart, born Shepherdstown, September  
30, 1911

Schooling: Graduate Shepherdstown High School  
Two-year student Shepherds College  
Two-year student State Teachers College, Towson, Md.

Of Van the following Quotes:

Mother: "Very busy as housekeeper, wife and mother; small,  
has brown eyes; very pleasing personality."

Aunt Julia Reinhart: "Much more to Van than that!" Continued  
Van is very active in church work; was once member  
of the Presbyterian pulpit committee.

Cousin Fanny Willis Pogue: -"knew Van in Baltimore, thought  
her very pretty; liked her very much."

To the forgoing may be added that Van takes time for soliciting for  
the Blood Bank at the Presbyterian Hospital, and also gives a day a week  
to the "Florence Crittenden" Hospital for unmarried girls.

Married: Shepherdstown, June 29, 1935 to  
Dr. George Adolph Matheke, born August 11, 1909,  
at Paterson, N. J.: the son of  
John Matheke, and  
Marie Henrietta (Schaub) Matheke.

Schooling: Graduate of High School, East Orange, N. J.  
B. S. degree from Maryland University  
M. D. degree from Maryland Medical School  
Diplomate American Boards in Obstetrics and Gynecology

Profession: Obstetrician and Gynecologist

Dr. Matheke was born and bred in an atmosphere of doctoring and  
drugs: his father and his brother were druggists, and his uncle and his  
son were physicians.

Residence: 29 Eastwood Street, East Orange, N. J.



Children: 12 Michael John Matheke, born May 13, 1936,  
12 Marie Berry Matheke, born June 22, 1939  
12 Susan Quigley Matheke, born April 28, 1946

*Newark, N.J.  
East Orange "*

John, after completing the third year high school at East Orange, entered, fall of 1952, the "Hun School," a preparatory school for Princeton University.

Berry, a Girl Scout, sings in the Junior Choir of the Presbyterian Church.





THE WILL OF THE REV. NATHANIEL MANNING

In the Name of God Amen. I, Nathaniel Manning of the County of Hampshire in Virginia, Clergyman, being in perfect health of body, and a sound mind and memory, thanks be to God, but calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and knowing it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, that is to say:

Principally, and first of all, I give and recommend my soul unto the Hand of Almighty God that gave it; and my body I recommend unto the earth, to be buried in a decent Christian manner, at the discretion of my Executors; nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again, by the mighty Power of God. And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, demise, and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

First: It is my order and desire that all my lawful debts by me contracted, be paid out of my personal estate; of which I judge there will be an overplus; and the remainder, if any, I bequeath to my dearly loved wife Mary, to be disposed of as her discretion shall direct...

Also, I give and bequeath all that tract, and persal of land lying and being in the County of Berkeley on Specken Creek, and which I received of Mr. Jacob Hite, to my dearly beloved wife Mary, to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I appoint and constitute my dearly beloved wife Mary an Executrix to my estate; as well as Col. Abraham Hite of the County of Hampshire, and Mr. Thomas Hite of the County of Berkeley, to assist her as Executors; and then or either of them I do institute to act in conjunction with my beloved wife Mary, to dispose of all or such part of my estate as their wisdom shall direct, and settle all my affairs as well as Dook Debts as whatever else... And

Moreover, I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke, and disannul all and every other former testaments, wills, legacies, bequests, and Executors, by me in any wise before named, willed and bequeathed; ratifying and confirming this, and no other, to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twelfth day of January, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-four...

Nathel. Manning (Seal)

Signed, sealed and declared by the said Nathel. Manning, as his last will and testament, in the presence of

Abrm. Hite  
J. Hite, 2nd  
Abrm. Hite Jr.





At a court held for Hampshire County the 11th day of February 1777:

This last will and testament of Nathaniel Manning, Clerk, deceased, was presented in court by Mary Manning, the Executrix therein named and being proved by the oath of Abraham Hite, Gent., and Abraham Hite, Jr., two of the witnesses thereto; is ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of the said Executrix, who made oath according to law, certificate is granted her for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form giving security, whereupon she together with Abel Randell, Gent., her security, entered into and acknowledged bond in the penalty of Two Thousand Pounds for her due administration of the said Decedent's estate and performance of his will.

Test.

Gabriel Jones, Cl. Cur.

Certification of Record signed  
October 10, 1950, by R. E. Stewart, Clerk of County Court  
Hampshire County, West Virginia



WILL OF MARY DARKE MANNING

In the Name of God Amen: I, Mary Manning of the County of Jefferson, in the state of Virginia, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound and disposing mind and memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following:

First, I give and bequeath to my sons Nathaniel W. Manning and James Monroe Manning, all my real estate whatsoever, to them and their heirs forever to be equally divided between them.

Second: After the payments of my debts, it is my will that what may remain of my personal property, of whatever nature and kind soever, shall be divided into three equal parts, one of which I give to my son James Monroe Manning, one to my son Nathaniel W. Manning, and the remaining third I give and bequeath to my friend Joseph McMurran as Trustee, for the use of my daughter Mary E. D. Vaughn during her natural life, and after her death to the use of any children or grandchildren she may leave then living, the grandchildren to have the portion of their deceased parents; and should said daughter have no child or grandchild living at her death, then to the use of my afore said two sons and their right heirs... The said Trustee is to pay the proceeds of said fund annually to my daughter during her life, and after her death to any descendants she may have...

I hope my friend Joseph McMurran will not object to oblige an old neighbor by accepting the above trust. I do hereby nominate and appoint my two sons Nathaniel W. Manning and James Monroe Manning as sole executors of this my last will and testament, and hereby revoking all others. Witness my hand and seal this 21st day of January 1840.

Mary Manning (Seal)

Signed, sealed and published, and declared by the above Mary Manning to be her last will and testament in the presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testatrix: Jos. F. Abell, Thomas Hite, and E. J. Lee, Jr, Jefferson County Sct.

At a court held for Jefferson County on the 21st day of August 1843, the foregoing last will and testament of Mrs. Mary Manning deceased, was proved by the oaths of the above three witnesses, ordered to be recorded.

Afterwards, to wit, at a court held for the said county, on the 10th day of October, 1843... after some legal technicalities, certificate was granted Nathaniel W. Manning for obtaining probate in due form and complying with the Law.

Tests. T. A. Moore, Clk.

Will Book 10, Page 314 et seq.





The lengthy legal technicalities have been largely omitted in the two court procedures.

One surprising omission in the will of Mary Manning is that she does not mention her daughter, Sarah Rutherford Driscoe, by her first husband, Thomas Rutherford.





Jefferson County, Virginia: 1860 Census, Vol. 13, Page 778

Nathaniel W. Manning .....	age 47 ... Farmer...	Property Value \$13,000
Patsy P. Manning.....	" 47	
Fannie L. Manning.....	" 19	
Mary M. Manning.....	" 17	
William P. Manning.....	" 16	
Edward B. Manning .....	" 12	
Addison B. Manning .....	" 9	
Lucy C. Manning .....	" 7	

(Only two of the children's ages are correct: William P. and Edward B. Very likely the census taker caught Grandpa Manning in Charles Town and he spoke from hasty memory, sadly needing his wife's prompting. This Census record fits in with the Will of Mary Darke Manning.)



THE ASSOCIATED ALUMNI OF BROWN UNIVERSITY

Office of the Alumni Secretary  
Faunce House  
Providence, Rhode Island

April 14, 1932

Miss Louise E. Willis  
Alumni Secretary  
Baylor University  
Waco, Texas

My dear Miss Willis:

I have your letter of April 5th...

The full name of President Manning was James Manning, D. D. His years of Presidency at Brown follow: He served from 1765 to 1791. He died in 1791.

Enclosed is material regarding his birth, family and career, taken from Lamb's Biographical Dictionary of the United States, and facts taken from Brown University and Manning, by Guild... The typed material was prepared by one of the stenographers at the John Hay Library, Brown University, at my request, and I think you will find it interesting.

Cordially yours,  
Signed: Elizabeth Himes  
Keeper of Graduate Records.

"Manning, James, educator, was born in Piscataway, N. J., October 22, 1738; son of James and Grace (Fitz-Randolph) Manning, and grandson of James and Christiana (Laing) Manning and of Joseph and Rebecca (Drake) Fits-Randolph. His great-grandfather, Jeffrey Manning was one of the earliest settlers in Piscataway township.

"James Manning attended the Hopewell Academy, 1756-58, and was graduated with second honors from the College of New Jersey, A. B., 1762; A. M., 1765. He was married March 29, 1763, to Margaret, daughter of John Stites, for several years mayor of Elizabethtown, N. J. He was ordained an evangelist, April 19, 1763, and travelled through the colonies.

"In July, 1763, while at Newport, R. I., he suggested the establishment of a college to be conducted by the Baptists, and in accordance with the suggestion of Col. John Gardner, the deputy Governor, he drew a sketch of the plan and a rough charter was laid before the next general assembly, August 1, 1763, but it was not until February, 1764, that it finally passed the assembly after a warm debate, and largely through the personal influence of Mr. Manning.





"He was called to Warren, R. I., where he organized a church of fifty-eight members, of which he was pastor, 1764-70; and opened a Latin school which was later removed to Providence, R. I., and became the University Grammar School.

"The first meeting of the corporation for founding and endowing a college or university within the province of Rhode Island was held at Newport in September, 1764, and at the second meeting, September, 1765, Mr. Manning was chosen president and professor of languages. He matriculated his first college student, William Rogers (q.v.), a lad of fourteen, from Newport, September 3, 1765. In 1767 he organized the Warren Association, the first Baptist association established in New England. The college was removed to Providence, R. I., in May, 1770, and Manning gave up his church at Warren, and at the solicitation of the trustees of the college, he removed to Providence and continued his duties as president.

"Manning was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Providence, founded by Roger Williams, and regarded as the oldest Baptist church in America, 1771-91. President Manning was a delegate to the Continental Congress, 1785-86, and it was largely through his endeavors that Rhode Island adopted the Constitution.

"The University of Pennsylvania conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1785.

"He was a firm upholder of public education and was author of: 'A Report in Favor of the Establishment of Free Public Schools in Providence'... While at family prayers he died of apoplexy in Providence, R. I., July 29, 1791."

The following facts are taken from the book entitled:  
"Brown University and Manning" - by R. A. Guild

Seven children constituted the family of James and Grace Manning:

Christiana, who married Joseph Tingley and lived in Samptown  
Jeremiah, who was thrice married and lived in Bonham and afterwards in Bordentown.

Enoch, who married Janet Edgar and died in February 1791

Joseph, who in 1777 was elected a ruling Elder in the Scotch Plains Baptist Church, and was thrice married

John, who married Sarah van Felt and settled on a farm in Somerset County

A younger daughter who married a Woodruff and died previously to 1796

James, the President of Rhode Island College

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Not only in church faith and practice is there contrast between these two first cousins but also in the size of families left.





Nathaniel left one infant son, James had the above seven children.

Another contrast is in the fields of service. A Rector of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Washington, provoked a chuckle from his congregation with the following joke, saying it most likely originated in the midwest:

"When the discoverers and pioneers went west into Indian territory, the Baptist missionaries lost no time in following after them; next the Methodists followed hard on the heels of the Baptists: when travel was somewhat better, the Presbyterians went third; and when Pullman service was running smoothly, the Episcopalians ventured west."

That Nathaniel Manning chose the wilds of Virginia territory for his field of service was likely due to the fact that his church was strong in Virginia; that James Manning went east to the enforced and noble beginning of his church in Rhode Island territory is likewise understood.

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A letter, May 8, 1953, from the Reverend Leland Stark of Epiphany (now Bishop Coadjutor at Newark, N. J.) gives a better version of the westbound missionaries:

"The story goes that when the Middle West was first settled, the Baptist missionaries went out on foot; when paths had been broken, the Methodist missionaries came out on horseback. When railroads were put in, the Presbyterian missionaries came out. Finally, when sleepers were put on, the Episcopalians came out!"

"I fear this story has more truth than humor in it for some areas of this country, but at least it is not true as regards the Indian missionary work in South Dakota, where Bishop Hare and his associates were first in the field."



### S U M M A R Y

The descendants of Nathaniel and Mary Hite Manning number one hundred thirty<sup>one</sup>~~two~~. Of this number ninety~~nine~~<sup>106</sup> are living at this present date, June 1953. (Mar. 1955)

Of the total number more than half have worshipped in the Episcopal Church. While there is much diversity of church memberships among the present generation, in the fact that all are believers, do attend church, and are the better for it, lies the paramount importance.



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